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EDUCATION

2027	University of Cincinnati Post-Master's Certificate, Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) <i>Expected completion: 2027</i>
2021	Quantic School of Business & Technology MBA
2019	Western Governors University MS, Nursing Education
2017	Emory University, Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing BS, Nursing
2015	Cornell University, College of Human Ecology Doctoral Studies, Developmental Psychology Minor: Cognitive Science
2012	Georgia Institute of Technology BS, Psychology, Highest Honors

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2026 –Present	Assistant Professor of Nursing <i>Chamberlain University, Atlanta, GA</i>
2025 –2026	Nursing Lecturer <i>Chamberlain University, Atlanta, GA</i>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Chamberlain University, Atlanta, GA

2025 – Present	Psychiatric & Mental Health Nursing, Course Lead
2026 – Present	Health Assessment, Lab Faculty
2026 – Present	Adult Health, Course Faculty

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

2015	Cultural Psychology, Teaching Assistant
2015	Leadership & Community Organization II, Instructor of Record
2014	Introduction to Cognitive Neuroscience, Teaching Assistant
2014	Leadership & Community Organization I, Instructor of Record
2014	Introduction to Adult Development & Aging, Section Instructor
2013	Introduction to Human Development, Section Instructor

SCHOLARSHIP

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Blenis, R. C.** (2026). The functional requirements of person-centred fundamental care: Evaluating artificial intelligence and robotics against a depleted baseline. *Journal of Advanced Nursing*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jan.70773>
- Blenis, R. C.** (2026). Knowing pain without certainty: Recognition when self-report is unavailable. *Nursing Philosophy*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/nup.70125>
- Blenis, R. C.** (2026). Interruption, Not Transmission: Denaturalizing punitive culture in nursing education. *Advances in Nursing Science*. <https://doi.org/10.1097/ANS.0000000000000692>
- Blenis, R. C.** (2026). Therapeutic communication as autobiographical memory scaffolding: Bridging developmental science and psychiatric nursing practice. *Journal of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10783903261484904>
- Blenis, R. C.** (2026). Developmental dysgraphia in child and adolescent psychiatric-mental health nursing: An integrative review. *Journal of Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Nursing*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jcap.70065>
- Blenis, R. C.** (2026). What we owe: A liberatory ethics of harm reduction. *Nursing Inquiry*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/nin.70137>
- Blenis, R. C.** (2026). Operationalizing trauma-informed care in undergraduate clinical supervision: An integrative review. *Journal of Nursing Education*. <https://doi.org/10.3928/01484834-20260422-01>
- Blenis, R. C.** (2026). The disciplined body: A genealogy of naturalized discipline in nursing education. *Nursing Inquiry*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/nin.70124>
- Shedd, C. & **Blenis, R. C.** (2018). Tiotropium for asthma: Summary of current guidelines & case study. *Journal of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners*. <https://doi.org/10.1097/JXX.0000000000000053>

Manuscripts Under Review

- Blenis, R. C.** (under review). Measured on everything but the work: Performance appraisal in psychiatric nursing.
- Blenis, R. C.** (under review). Autobiographical memory scaffolding as a cognitive mechanism of therapeutic communication in psychiatric nursing: An integrative review.

Book Chapters

- Blenis, R. C.** (under review). Preventing heat-related illness and death in serious mental illness. In D. Traylor and E. Anderson (Eds.), *Preventive healthcare strategies for a changing climate*. IGI Global.
- McDowell-Porter, S., **Blenis, R. C.**, & Wick, G. (under review). Neurodivergence and extreme heat: Compounding vulnerabilities and gaps in preventive care. In D. Traylor & E. Anderson (Eds.), *Preventive healthcare strategies for a changing climate*. IGI Global.
- Wang, Q. & **Blenis, R. C.** (2015). Autobiographical memory development in early childhood and cultural variations. In J. Wright (Ed.), *International Encyclopedia of the Social & Behavioral Sciences* (2nd ed.). Elsevier. <https://doi.org/10.1016/b978-0-08-097086-8.23063-8>

Creative Publications in Medical and Nursing Journals

- Blenis, R. C.** (In Press). Holding [Reflections]. *American Journal of Nursing*.
- Blenis, R. C.** (2026). The body knows first [Art of Nursing]. *American Journal of Nursing*, 126(5), 19.
<https://doi.org/10.1097/AJN.0000000000000289>
- Blenis, R. C.** (2026). Mechanism of action [Poetry and Medicine]. *JAMA*. Advance online publication.
<https://doi.org/10.1001/jama.2026.1799>

Creative and Literary Publications

- Blenis, R. C.** (In Press). Without identifiable antecedent. *Fourth Genre: Explorations in Nonfiction*.
- Blenis, R. C.** (In Press). The net. *River Teeth: A Journal of Nonfiction Narrative*.
- Blenis, R. C.** (2026). Camera review. *Massachusetts Review*, 67(2).
<https://massreview.org/issue/volume-67-issue-2>
- Blenis, R. C.** (2026). Disaster North. *Pulse: Voices from the Heart of Medicine*.
<https://pulsevoices.org/poems/disaster-north/>
- Blenis, R. C.** (2026). The thread you follow. *West Trade Review*.
<https://www.westtradereview.com/onlineexclusiveW25Blenis.html>

Peer-Reviewed Presentations

- Modly, L., Stone, S., **Blenis, R. C.**, Green, S., Smerkansky, B., & Cranmer, J. (2018, January). No time for pain: Pain-management and sickle cell disease readmission. *Paper presented at the Graduate Nursing Leadership Conference (GNLC)*, Atlanta, GA.
- Wang, Q., **Blenis, R. C.**, Ng, M., & Gonzalez, P. (2015, June). Going public: The impact of social media on autobiographical memory. *Poster presented at the 27th APS Annual Convention*, New York, NY.
- Blenis, R. C.**, Koslowski, B., & Goldman, M. (2015, March). Analytic thinking and functions of religious belief in everyday life. *Poster presented at the International Convention of Psychological Science (ICPS)*, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- Blenis, R. C.** & Koslowski, B. (2014, October). Effect of religiosity on scientific reasoning. *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR)*, Indianapolis, IN.
- Wang, Q. & **Blenis, R. C.** (2014, July). Constructing autobiographical memory in cyberspace: The impact of technology as a cultural force. *Paper presented at the 22nd International Congress of Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP)*, Reims, France.
- Wang, Q. & **Blenis, R. C.** (2014, July). Constructing the self online. *Paper presented at the 28th International Congress of Applied Psychology (ICAP)*, Paris, France.
- Wang, Q. & **Blenis, R. C.** (2013, July). The autobiographical self online. *Paper symposium conducted at the 10th Biennial Conference for the Society of Applied Research in Memory and Cognition (SARMAC)*, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.
- Blenis, R. C.** (2013, May). Self-referential processing and the effect of culture on memory. *Poster presented at the APS Annual Conference*, Washington, D.C.
- Blenis, R. C.** (2012, April). Culture influences source memory for self-referenced information. *Poster presented at the Georgia Tech Spring Undergraduate Research Symposium*, Atlanta, GA.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2017 – 2019 **Emory University & Grady Hospital**

Research Project

Advisors: Jon Cranmer, DNP; Rondi Gelbard, MD

Project: AI Mobile Technology for Post-Operative Patient Wound Self-Management

2012 – 2015 **Cornell University, Social Cognition Development Lab**

Graduate Research Assistant

Advisor: Qi Wang, PhD

Project: Constructing the Autobiographical Self Online

2012 – 2015 **Cornell University, Scientific Reasoning Development Lab**

Graduate Research Assistant

Advisors: Barbara Koslowski, PhD

Project: Religious Variations in Scientific Reasoning; Psychological Functions of Religious Belief

2009 – 2012 **Georgia Institute of Technology, Center for Advanced Brain Imaging**

Research Assistant

Advisors: Audrey Duarte, PhD; Eric Leshikar, PhD

Project: Cultural Variation in Source Memory for Self-Referenced Information

CLINICAL LEADERSHIP & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2023 – 2025 **Nurse Manager** (promoted from Charge Nurse, Clinical Nurse)

Universal Health Services, Atlanta, GA

- Advanced through three progressive roles in two years based on clinical leadership and operational excellence in high-acuity pediatric behavioral health.
- Spearheaded staff development and training programs that reduced patient restraints by 30%.
- Directed operational oversight of two high-acuity pediatric psychiatric units (25+ FTEs), balancing financial performance, patient outcomes, and staff engagement.
- Led quality-to-education initiatives, translating QI findings into sustainable practice improvements and staff competency development.

2021 – 2023 **Management Consultant**

Rather Good Consulting, Atlanta, GA

- Designed and implemented scalable training and compliance systems for early-stage healthcare and defence industry ventures.
- Consulted with executives to streamline workflows, improve ROI, and ensure compliance readiness for client health systems.

2020 – 2021 **Sr. Informatics Nurse & Project Manager** (promoted from Clinical Project Manager)

Bioscape Digital, Atlanta, GA

- Managed implementation of a clinical workflow optimization platform in 60 oncology practices nationwide from ideation to clinician training.
- Promoted to senior role within seven months based on success driving enterprise adoption of digital patient engagement solutions.
- Partnered with C-suite and clinical leaders to secure enterprise adoption of patient education platforms across multiple hospital systems.

- Applied Lean Six Sigma methodologies to optimize workflows and demonstrate measurable value to clients.
- 2020 **Travel Nurse, Emergency & COVID ICU**
NYU Langone Medical Center, New York, NY
- Responded to the public health emergency at the epicenter of the COVID pandemic during 2020.
 - Rapidly adapted clinical practice to emerging evidence and guidelines in a fast-paced critical care environment.
- 2017 – 2019 **Nurse Preceptor, Emergency Services** (promoted from Clinical Nurse, Nurse Resident)
Emory University Hospital, Atlanta, GA
- Regularly served as charge nurse, managing day-to-day operations of a high-acuity emergency department with among the highest case-mix index in the country.
 - Led quality improvement initiatives, collecting and analyzing data to identify areas for improvement and developing plans to optimize patient care outcomes.
 - Mentored and trained new nurses, student nurses, and EMS students in advanced procedures, crisis management, and technology adoption.

LICENSURE & CERTIFICATIONS

- 2017 – Present **Registered Nurse**
Georgia Board of Nursing
- 2019 – 2022 **Critical Care Registered Nurse (CCRN), inactive**
American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN)
- 2018 – 2022 **Trauma Certified Registered Nurse (TCRN), inactive**
Emergency Nurses Association
- 2017 – 2021 **Board Certified Emergency Nurse (CEN), inactive**
Emergency Nurses Association

SERVICE

- 2026 Chapter Reviewer, *Townsend's Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing* (12th ed., forthcoming), F. A. Davis
- 2026 Ad-hoc reviewer, *Advances in Nursing Science*
- 2026 Ad-hoc reviewer, *BMC Medical Ethics*
- 2019 – 2021 Member, Research Committee, Association for Healthcare Social Media
- 2019 – 2020 Social Media Outreach, The Board for Certification of Emergency Nursing
- 2018 – 2019 Unit Practice Council Co-Chair, ED/CDU/CIU, Emory University Hospital
- 2016 – 2018 Street Medicine Volunteer, Mercy Care, Atlanta, GA
- 2016 – 2017 Vice President, 2016 BSN Cohort, Emory University
- 2016 – 2017 Secretary, American Association of Men in Nursing (Emory Chapter)
- 2013 – 2015 Graduate Resident Fellow, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
- 2012 – 2015 Volunteer Discharge Coordinator, Ithaca Free Clinic, Ithaca, NY
- 2010 – 2012 Student Health Ambassador, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA

HONORS & AWARDS

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| 2026 | Faculty Excellence in Scholarship, Honoree
<i>Chamberlain University</i> |
| 2019 | Fellow of the Academy of Wilderness Medicine (FAWM)
<i>Wilderness Medical Society</i> |
| 2014 | Award for Teaching Excellence, Creating an Engaging Classroom
<i>Cornell Center for Teaching Excellence</i> |
| 2014 | Award for Teaching Excellence, Teaching with Technology
<i>Cornell Center for Teaching Excellence</i> |
| 2012 | Sage Fellowship
<i>Cornell University</i> |
| 2012 | Psi Chi Undergraduate Research Grant
<i>Psi Chi Honor Society for Psychology</i> |
| 2012 | President's Undergraduate Research Award
<i>Georgia Institute of Technology</i> |