

# **Felicia J. Andresen (VandeNest), M.A.**

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## **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

**Institution: Utah State University, Logan, UT** 2016- Present  
Degree: Anticipated Doctoral Degree in Combined  
Clinical/Counseling Psychology (2021)

**Institution: Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN** 2014- 2016  
Degree: Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology  
**Master's Thesis:** "Bullying in Senior Living Facilities: A Qualitative Study"  
Thesis Chair: Jeffrey Buchanan, Ph.D.

**Institution: Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN** 2012-2013  
Major: Psychology, Bachelor of Science  
*Summa Cum Laude*

**Institution: Southwest Minnesota State University** 2009-2011  
Major: Psychology

## **ACADEMIC HONORS AND GRANTS**

*Division 19 Student Travel Award* (\$750) May 2017  
Div. 19 (Society for Military Psychology), APA

*Psi Chi Winter Unrestricted Travel Grant* (\$1,135.69) December 2015  
Minnesota State University, Mankato

*Creating a Strong and Vibrant Graduate Community Grant* (\$750) March 2015  
Minnesota State University, Mankato

*Special Funding for Travel Grant* (\$344.21) May 2014  
College of Social and Behavioral Sciences  
Minnesota State University, Mankato

*Dean's Honor List (7 semesters)*  
Minnesota State University, Mankato 2012- 2013  
Southwest Minnesota State University 2009- 2011

## **PUBLICATIONS**

**Andresen, F. J., & Buchanan, J. A.** (2017). Bullying in Senior Living Facilities: Perspectives of Long-Term Care Staff. *Journal of gerontological nursing*, 1.

Buchanan, J. A., Ebel, D., Garcia, S., **VandeNest, F. J.**, & Omlie, C. C. (2016). Age differences in perceptions of gerotranscendence: An examination of cosmic dimension behaviors. *Journal of Religion, Spirituality & Aging*, 28(3), 239-254.  
doi:10.1080/15528030.2016.1150934

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Buchanan, J. A., Garcia, S., **VandeNest, F. J.**, Omlie, C., & Salfer, K. (2015). The use of stimulus preference assessments for persons with dementia: A literature review. *Behavior Analysis: Research and Practice*.

Buchanan, J. A., Omlie, C., Garcia, S., **VandeNest, F. J.**, & Stypulkowski, K. (2015). Enhancing Communication between Healthcare Providers and the Elderly. In J. Fisher, J. A. Buchanan, & W.T. O'Donohue (Eds.), *Integrated Care and the Geriatric Patient*. Springer.

## PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS

Garcia, S., Omlie, C., **VandeNest, F. J.**, & Buchanan, J. A. (2015). How age impacts the perceptions of behaviors indicative of the cosmic dimension of gerotranscendence. Abstract published in *The Gerontologist*, 55. doi: 10.1093/geront/gnv505

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

**Andresen, F. J.**, Blais, R. K. (August 2017)—*The Role of Stigma on Military Sexual Trauma Disclosure in Female Veterans*. Poster to be presented at the 2017 APA Convention, Washington, D.C.

**VandeNest, F. J.**, Garcia, S., Omlie, C., & Linderholm, A., & Buchanan, J. A. (March 2016)—*Bullying in Senior Living Facilities: A qualitative study*. Student Keynote oral presentation at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwestern Conference on Professional Psychology, Owatonna, MN.

**VandeNest, F. J.**, Garcia, S., Omlie, C., & Buchanan, J. A. (March 2016)—*Bullying in Senior Living Facilities: A qualitative study*. Poster presented at the 2016 Aging in America Conference, Washington, D.C.

Garcia, S., Omlie, C., **VandeNest, F. J.**, & Buchanan, J. A. (November 2015)—*How age impacts the perceptions of behaviors indicative of the cosmic dimension of gerotranscendence*. Poster presented at The Gerontological Society of America's 68th Annual Scientific Meeting, Orlando, FL.

Garcia, S., Omlie, C., **VandeNest, F.J.**, & Buchanan, J. A. (March 2015)—*Gerotranscendence: A cosmic experience*. Oral presentation at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwestern Conference on Professional Psychology, Owatonna, MN.

**VandeNest, F.J.** and Todorovic, S. (April 2014)—*Assessing Military Stereotypes*. Poster presented at the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwestern Psychological Association Conference at Chicago, IL.

**VandeNest, F.J.** and Todorovic, S. (April 2014)—*Assessing Military Stereotypes*. Poster presented at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research at the University of Kentucky, Lexington.

Almoite, M.K. and **VandeNest, F.J.** (April 2013)—*Laptops in classroom: Evaluating the potential benefits of technology against distractions part 3*. Poster presented at the Undergraduate Research Symposium at Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN.

Almoite, M.K. and **VandeNest, F.J.** (April 2013)—*Laptops in classroom: Evaluating the potential benefits of technology against distractions part 3*. Poster presented at the 2nd Annual MN Scholarly Creative Research Symposium at Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN.

Almoite, M.K. and **VandeNest, F.J.** (April 2013)—*Laptops in classroom: Evaluating the potential benefits of technology against distractions part 3*. Poster presented at the 27th National Conference of Undergraduate Research at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, WI.

### **EDITORIAL ACTIVITY**

Guest reviewer, Behavior Analysis- Research and Practice (2015).

Guest reviewer, Behavior Therapy (2016).

### **CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

**Clinic Associate**

2015- 2016

**Assessment Clinic, Minnesota State University, Mankato**

**Supervisor: Sarah Sifers, Ph.D., LP**

#### Responsibilities:

- Provide comprehensive evaluations for a learning disability and/or attention deficit disorder by conducting diagnostic interviews generate recommendations and/or diagnosis with clinic supervisor

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Research Assistant**

2016- Present

**Military Social Science Lab**

**Utah State University**

**Supervisor: Rebecca Blais, Ph.D.**

#### Responsibilities:

- Participate in research methodology planning to analyze and summarize data for dissemination and publication

**Practicum Student/ Research Assistant**

2015- 2016

**RINGS Research Team**

**Minneapolis VA Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN**

**Supervisor: Melissa Polusny, Ph.D., LP**

Responsibilities:

- Conduct data extraction, organize data collection for large scale longitudinal studies, and manage recruitment procedures for ADAPT4U clinical trial study

**Research Assistant**

2014- 2016

**Gerontology Research Team**

**Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN**

**Supervisor: Jeffrey Buchanan, Ph.D.**

Responsibilities:

- Develop participant interviews, organize and manage data collection, conduct paired stimulus preference assessments, and prepare IRB proposals

**Research Assistant**

2013- 2014

**Cognitive Psychology Research Team**

**Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN**

**Supervisor: Karla Lassonde, Ph.D.**

Responsibilities:

- Develop participant survey, recruit participants through online participant management system, and enter data into statistical programs

**Research Assistant**

2012- 2013

**Sexual Health Research Team**

**Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN**

**Supervisor: Eric Sprankle, Psy.D.**

Responsibilities:

- Manage and distribute participant compensation and debrief participants due to the sensitive topic and the deception used in the methodology

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Teaching Assistant**

Fall 2016

**Abnormal Psychology (PSY 3210)**

**Utah State University**

**Instructor: Rebecca Blais, Ph.D.**

**Class Size: 172**

Responsibilities:

- Teach two guest lectures with instructor feedback, hold weekly office hours, conduct review sessions prior to each exam, provide feedback on exams and studying techniques, manage student grades and emails

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

### **Graduate Assistant**

2014- 2016

#### **Undergraduate Research Center**

**Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN**

**Supervisor: Karla Lassonde, URC Director**

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Advertise and process undergraduate research grants, plan and coordinate local, regional, and national events promoting undergraduate research

### **Resiliency Training Assistant**

2015- 2016

**Minnesota Army National Guard, HHC 134<sup>th</sup> BSB**

**Supervisor: Captain Matthew Alken, Company Commander**

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Use evidence-based resilience curricula to teach soldiers skills that aim to enhance their ability to handle adversity, prevent depression, anxiety, and PTSD, and improve overall well-being and performance

## **VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

- Assisted in registration and check-in procedures for presenters at The Gerontological Society of America's Conference, Orlando, FL. Nov. 19, 2015
- Provided resident companion visits to assist in daily activities and promote activity engagement at Ecumen Pathstone Living, Mankato, MN 2014- 2015
- Assisted in participant registration, event set-up, and clean up for the Walk to End Alzheimer's at Sibley Park in Mankato, MN Fall 2014
- Assisted the Department Service Officer for the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) in speaking with inpatient Veterans about their hardships and wellbeing at the Minneapolis and St. Cloud VA Medical Centers Nov. 2013
- Participated in Veteran's Day event to interact and spend time with the children at Park Side Elementary School in Marshall, MN Fall 2010
- Organized and participated in quarterly fundraisers for Veteran's families at Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, MN 2009- 2011

## **PERSONAL REFERENCES**

Rebecca K. Blais, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Utah State University  
Email: [rebecca.blais@usu.edu](mailto:rebecca.blais@usu.edu); Phone: 435-850-7437

Jeffrey Buchanan, Ph.D., Clinical Psychology Program Director, Minnesota State University,  
Mankato  
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