

## **Ruth Ann Miller**

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### **EDUCATION**

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#### **Sam Houston State University**

Doctor of Philosophy Student  
Clinical Psychology

**August 2023 - Present**

#### **Southern Methodist University**

Bachelor of Science in Psychology  
Minors: Spanish and Neuroscience  
Cumulative GPA: 3.962  
Psychology GPA: 4.000

**August 2019 - May 2023**

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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#### **Family Health and Development Laboratory**

Research Assistant  
Southern Methodist University, Department of Psychology  
*Supervisor:* Dr. Chrystyna Kouros, PhD.

**August 2020 – May 2023**

- Assisted with grant-funded longitudinal study investigating families with children with autism spectrum disorder
- Cleaned ECG data from the Couples and Kids with Autism research study using MindWare software
- Checked for discrepancies between independent ECG coders and re-cleaned data as needed
- Conducted extensive literature searches on measures that have been utilized in samples of children with autism spectrum disorder, and measures that have been utilized to assess marital functioning
- Attended weekly lab meetings to discuss upcoming tasks, project protocols, and empirical articles
- Assisted in a PhD student's dissertation project by inputting surveys into the Qualtrics survey software and piloting surveys
- Compiled and reformatted data to upload to the National Institute of Mental Health Data Archive (NDA)

#### **Study of Health, Aging, and Relationships Laboratory**

Research Assistant  
Southern Methodist University, Department of Psychology  
*Supervisor:* Dr. Stephanie J. Wilson, PhD.

**January 2022 – May 2023**

- Assisted with a grant-funded research study investigating the associations between couples' relationships and health
- Assisted on data collection with couples
- Performed blood draws on research participants using TASSO m20 devices

- Placed EKG electrodes, GSR electrodes, and respiration bands on participants and recorded physiological data using BioRadio recording devices
- Administered the Short Physical Performance Battery and grip strength assessment to participants
- Collected height, weight, and waist circumference measurements from participants
- Administered the Hopkins Verbal Learning Test, Connors Continuous Performance Test-3, and Trail Making Test A and B to participants
- Assisted in collecting eye tracking data using iMotions software
- Participated in weekly lab meetings to communicate with lab members about upcoming visits, update supervisors on weekly tasks, and discuss empirical articles
- Entered study data into REDCap and Microsoft Excel
- Cleaned heart rate variability data in Vivosense software
- Assisted in metanalysis studying positivity bias in aging by reviewing article abstracts and full texts

### **Distinction in Psychology Research Project**

**January 2022 – Present**

Mental Health Predictors of Substance Use: The Moderating Roles of Coping Skills and Self-Efficacy

- Conducted an independent research project under the mentorship of Dr. Chrystyna Kouros on the relationships between psychological distress and alcohol and prescription drug misuse

## **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

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### **SMU Students Expanding American Literacy Club**

**August 2020 – May 2022**

- Tutored elementary school children in the Dallas area who were behind their grade level in reading and writing
- Attended monthly meetings to discuss upcoming club events and volunteer opportunities

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

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### **The Flagship Mailroom**

**June 2020 – December 2020**

Beaumont, TX

- Served customers by greeting them in a welcoming manner, helping them select gift shop products, and managing financial transactions
- Packaged and shipped customers' mail and large packages through UPS, USPS, and FedEx
- Disseminated incoming mail and packages to customers

### **Marine Layer**

**June 2021 – August 2021**

Houston, TX

- Served customers by greeting them, answering questions, helping them with the fitting process, and managing financial transactions
- Packaged merchandise to be shipped to online customers
- Assisted with inventory, including receiving and stocking merchandise

## GRANTS

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### SMU Summer Research Intensive

June 2022 – August 2022

- Supplied with funding to work as a summer research assistant in Dr. Stephanie Wilson's SHARe research laboratory for \$15.00 an hour
- Attended weekly symposiums with guest faculty lecturers and workshops that taught research and oral presentation skills
- Participated in the SRI program's culminating 3-Minute Thesis competition, presenting findings from an independent summer research project

### SMU Hamilton Scholarship

August 2022 – May 2023

- Supplied with funding to work as a research assistant in Dr. Stephanie Wilson's SHARe research laboratory for \$13.00 an hour, for the 2022-2023 academic year
- Participated in periodic online discussion forums throughout the school year about ongoing research project

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

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Kouros, C. D., **Miller, R.**, Levy, S., & Ekas, N. V. (2022, November). *Spillover between Marital Conflict and Parenting Behavior in Families with an Adolescent on the Autism Spectrum*. National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

**Miller, R.** & Wilson, S.J. (2022, July). *The Associations Between Subjective Age and Cognition*. Southern Methodist University Summer Research Intensive Thesis Competition, Dallas, TX.

**Miller, R.** & Wilson, S.J. (2023, March). *The Associations Between Subjective Age and Cognition as a Function of Chronological Age*. Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Conference, Fort Worth, TX.

**Miller, R.** & Wilson, S.J. (2023, April). *Subjective Age and Cognitive Performance: Does the Association Differ Between Younger and Older Adults*. Hamilton Scholarship Reception, Dallas, TX.

## HONORS & AWARDS

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### SMU Provost Scholarship

August 2019 – May 2023

- Awarded a merit-based scholarship consisting of \$30,000 dollars per academic year

### SMU Honor Roll

Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

- GPA was within top 15% of SMU class

### SMU Honor Roll with Distinction

Fall 2020 – Spring 2023

- GPA was within top 10% of SMU class

### SMU University Honors Program

August 2019 – May 2023

- Attended honors-level courses that encourage group discussion and collaboration
- Attended UHP events, such as roundtable discussions or guest speakers
- Completed an Honors Culminating Project (in the form of the Psychology Distinction Project) prior to graduation

**Psi Chi General Member****Fall 2021 – Present**

- General member of SMU’s Psi Chi chapter, the international honor society for Psychology

**SMU Hyer Society Inductee****Spring 2022 – Present**

- Received a notification of eligibility to apply for SMU’s Hyer Society, based on current GPA
- Applied consisting of an essay on an assigned topic and a resume
- Was selected for induction along with 30 other applicants, and attended an induction ceremony officiated by the President and Provost of SMU

**1<sup>st</sup> Place in SMU Three-Minute Thesis Competition****July 29, 2022**

- Conducted an independent summer research project on the association between subjective age and cognition, as well as how this relationship differs depending on chronological age
- Created a three-minute presentation of the project and its findings, which was presented at the SMU Office of Engaged Learning’s Three-Minute Thesis competition against other undergraduates involved in research
- Awarded first place in the competition by a panel of five judges

**SMU Chapter of Alpha Chi Honor Society Inductee****Fall 2022 – Present**

- Invited to membership in the Texas Alpha Omega chapter of Alpha Chi, which requires students to have at least a junior standing and a cumulative GPA of 3.90 or higher

**Award for Outstanding Research by an Undergraduate in Psychology****Spring 2023**

- Awarded by the SMU Psychology Department, for research assistantships and independent projects conducted as an undergraduate

**SKILLS**

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- Proficiency in Spanish
- Experience using SPSS and R statistical software

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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- National Council on Family Relations **Fall 2022 – Present**
- Psi Chi International Honor Society for Psychology **Fall 2021 – Present**