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Ross Andel, Dr. Kathy Black, & Dr. Jennifer Lister

2024- **Graduate Certificate**, Aging and Neuroscience, University of South Florida

2017-21 **B.S. Human Development & Family Studies**, Pennsylvania State University
Minors: Gerontology, Psychology
Schreyer Honors College | *Magna Cum Laude*
Thesis: The Relationship Between Depressive Symptoms and Four Cognitive Constructs
Advisors: Dr. Lesley Ross, Dr. Alyssa Gamaldo

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Modifiable risk and protective factors of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD);
Cognitive SuperAging; Health disparities in ADRD

PUBLICATIONS

*Indicates undergraduate student at time of production

Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications

3. **Doyle, C.**, Andel, R., Saenz, J., & Crowe, M. (2024). Correlates of SuperAging in Two Population-Based Samples of Hispanic Older Adults. *Journals of Gerontology Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geronb/gbae058>
2. Rouse, H. J., **Doyle, C.**, *Torres, M. D., Peterson, L. J., Pan, X., Conner, K., Du, Y., Dobbs, D., & Meng, H. (2023). Music Engagement and Episodic Memory among Middle-Aged and Older Adults: A National Longitudinal Analysis. *Journals of Gerontology Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geronb/gbad058>
1. Freed, S. A., Sprague, B. N., Stephan, A. T., **Doyle, C. E.**, Tian, J., Phillips, C. B., & Ross, L. A. (2021)

Manuscripts in Preparation

Doyle, C., & Small, B. How Caregiving Shapes the Relationship Between Activity Diversity and Cognition. (*Under review*)

Best, M., Laurent, S., **Doyle, C.**, Torres, E., Mahmoudi, E., & Zahodne L. Attending Race Discordant K-12 Schools and Cognitive Health Among U.S. Born Older Black Adults.

Saenz, J., **Doyle, C.**, & Anzel, R. Correlates of Cognitive SuperAging in the Mexican Health and Aging Study.

Policy Briefs, Press, and Other Publications (not peer-reviewed)

Ask for a Cognitive Evaluation During Your Next Annual Wellness Visit. [National Council on Aging](#).

Don't Forget: Including Brief Cognitive Assessments at the Annual Wellness Visit. [Florida Policy Exchange Center on Aging](#).

Mental Sharpness in Older Adults: Check your Mood Before Blaming Your Mind. [National Council on Aging](#).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2024- **Graduate Research Assistant**

Principal Investigator: Debra Dobbs, PhD

Preparing Assisted Living Staff to Care for Persons with Dementia: Palliative Care Education in Assisted Living for Dementia Care Providers (Grant: 1RF1AG087325-01)

- Draft study documents (e.g., informed consent documents, measures) and assist with IRB approval of study documents
- Lead recruitment and outreach efforts targeting assisted living facility leadership, [Florida Policy Exchange Center on Aging](#).

2024 **Summer Data Immersion**

- 2024 **Research Travel Grant**, *University of South Florida, Office of Graduate Studies*
Travel grant (\$500) awarded to graduate students at USF who placed first in their research category at the 2024 USF Graduate Research Symposium.
- 2023 **Student Scholarship**, *Better Living for Seniors Hillsborough*
Essay- and interview-based scholarship (\$1,000) awarded to one student in Hillsborough County pursuing post-secondary education to serve older adults.
- 2023 **Student Registration Award**, *AARP Florida*
Competitive conference award that covers the registration fee (\$450) for one student in the state of Florida to attend the Florida Council on Aging Conference.
- 2022 **Wolowec Scholarship**, *University of South Florida, School of Aging Studies*
Competitive award (\$1,250) given to two students in the College of Behavioral and Community Sciences who demonstrate a commitment of their time and energy to the study of aging.
- 2021-24 **Graduate Student Success Fellowship**, *University of South Florida, Graduate School*
Competitive three-year fellowship that provides tuition reimbursement, health insurance coverage, and an additional stipend of \$10,000 per year for a high-performing first-generation college student.
- 2021 **Human Development and Family Studies Affiliate Program Group Award**, *Pennsylvania State University, College of Health and Human Development*
Competitive cash award (\$1,750) for two graduating undergraduate students with a degree or minor in Human Development and Family Studies. Grade point average, written essay, and future career plans were considered for this award.
- 2020 **American Airlines Foundation Scholarship**, *American Airlines*
Competitive cash award (\$2,500) for an undergraduate student with parents working for American Airlines. A combination of grade point average, community service, and essay responses were considered for this award.
- 2019-21 **Rodney P. Kirsch Renaissance Scholarship**, *Pennsylvania State University Renaissance Fund*
Renewable semesterly scholarship (\$750) awarded to high performing undergraduate students demonstrating financial need. Recipient for 4 consecutive semesters.

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

*Indicates student author

Conference Presentations

Doyle, C., & Small, B. *How Caregiving Shapes the Relationship Between Activity Diversity and Cognition*. Poster at the Gerontological Society of American Conference (GSA), Seattle, WA (November 2024).

- Saenz, J. P., Doyle, C., & Small, B.** (2024). *Impact of Leisure Activities Among Older Breast Cancer Survivors and Non-Cancer Controls*. Poster at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference (AAIC), Philadelphia, PA (July 2024).
- Doyle, C.** *Correlates of SuperAging Among Two Population-Based Samples of Hispanic Older Adults*. (April 2024). Poster Presentation at the Conference of Florida Graduate Schools in Pensacola, FL. 2nd place in Social and Behavioral Sciences category.
- Doyle, C.** *Correlates of SuperAging Among Two Population-Based Samples of Hispanic Older Adults*. Oral Presentation at USF Graduate Research Symposium (March 2024). 1st place in Social and Behavioral Sciences category.
- Doyle, C.,** Andel, R., Crowe, M. & Saenz, J. *Correlates of SuperAging Among Two Population-Based Samples of Hispanic Older Adults*. (November 2023). Poster at the Annual Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Conference, Tampa, FL.
- Doyle, C.** (moderator). *Advancing Your Career in Aging at Any Age* (August 2023). Panelists: Jeff Johnson – AARP Florida, Laura Cantwell – AARP Florida, Katrina Davenport – City of Miramar Social Services, Erin McLeod – Senior Friendship Centers, Alisha Pieraccini – Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida. Session at the Florida Council on Aging (FCOA) Conference, Orlando, FL.
- Doyle, C.,** Dobbs, D., & Meng, H. (April 2023). *A Usability Testing Study of a Mobile Music Application for Caregivers of Individuals Living with Dementia*. Oral paper presentation at the Southern Gerontological Society Conference, Norfolk, VA.
- Doyle, C.,** Small, B., *Schwarzberg, A., Ahles, T., Carroll, J., & Mandelblatt, J (November 2022). *Impact of Leisure Activities Among Older Breast Cancer Survivors and Non-Cancer Controls*. Symposium at the Annual Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Conference, Indianapolis, IN.
- Doyle, C.,** Dobbs, D., Wiechart, K., *Wadhwa, R., Meng, H (November 2022). *A Mobile Music Application for Caregivers of Persons with Dementia: A Usability Testing Study*. Poster at the Annual Gerontological Society of American (GSA) Conference, Indianapolis, IN.
- Meng, H., Barbeau, S., Li, M., **Doyle, C.,** Wiechart, K., Hammond, R., Kearns, W (November 2022). *A Mobile Application for Music Exposure Measurement in Dementia Research: A Proof-of-Concept Study*. Poster at the Annual Gerontological Society of American (GSA) Conference, Indianapolis, IN.
- Fiscella, A. J., Veal, B. **Veal, B.**

Guest Lectures

Introduction to Aging Sciences (GEY 2000), Medication and Aging, Spring 2022

Introduction to Aging Sciences (GEY 2000), Medicare and Medicaid, Spring 2022

Introduction to Aging Sciences (GEY

- Lead weekly practices for the competitive varsity team

2021-23 **Wiregrass Ranch Sports Complex, Wesley Chapel, FL**
Cheerleading Instructor

- Train athletes (ages 5-18) on the basics of cheerleading skills and safety
- Develop classes for cheerleaders in the Tampa area to enhance their skills

2020-21 **Penn State THON, Pennsylvania State University**
Independent Fundraiser

- Independently raised over \$7,000 for children with pediatric cancer (2021)
- Served on THON committee that raised over \$200,000 (2020)

2019-20 **Alpha Omicron Pi, Epsilon Alpha Chapter, Pennsylvania State**