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Dr.

- 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.**, & Andel, 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Policy Briefs, Press, and Other Publications (not peer-reviewed)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).

- Doyle, C., Saenz, J., McDermott, L., & Fennell-Nottingham, C. (2023). *Impact of Leisure Activities on Cognitive Function in Older Adults with Dementia*. Poster presentation 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., Schwarzborg, 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**