

# KATIE RODRIGUEZ-KEKLAK

*Curriculum Vitae*

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## EDUCATION

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**Bachelor of Science, Psychology**

**May 2023**

University of North Texas (UNT), Denton, TX

Cumulative GPA: 3.9

Psychology GPA: 4.0

Minor: Music

Certificate: Trauma-Informed Care

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Recruitment Lead/Research Assistant**

**February 2022-Present**

Teen Stress and Alcohol Research (St.A.R.) Lab, University of North Texas

*Advisor: Heidemarie Blumenthal, Ph.D.*

### *Studies:*

- A Controlled Test of Interpersonal Rejection, Social Anxiety, and Alcohol Use among Female Adolescents (NIH-Funded; R15AA026079)
- Preliminary Effects of CHI-919 on Trust in romantic Dyads (Industry-Funded; Canopy Growth, 710A23US1320)

### *Responsibilities:*

- Call, screen, and schedule participants based on DSM-5 criteria for substance use, major depression, and social anxiety disorder.
- Run three hour laboratory based protocol with adolescent participants; collect informed consent and assent, give task instructions, collect saliva samples, conduct clinical interviews, and administer debrief
- Conduct follow up calls with participants to obtain data for the final part of the study.

### *Leadership Responsibilities:*

- Lead adolescent recruitment by planning tabling events and distributing flyers to different businesses in the community.
- Compiled database of businesses in Denton and DFW area to send for International Review Board acceptance for Canopy study.
- Send and respond to emails regarding recruitment purposes and update information for IRB latter modifications.
- Take notes from weekly meetings and distribute to lab members.
- Interview prospective lab members and conduct orientation for new lab members.

## POSTERS PRESENTATIONS

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**Rodriguez-Keklak, K.**, Thompson, L., Ledesma, A., Miller, D., Williams, N., & Blumenthal, H. (2022). *The Mediating Role of Alcohol Expectancies on the Relationship Between Trauma Type and Alcohol Use Problems Among College Students*. Poster submitted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies - Forensic Issues and Externalizing Behaviors Special Interest Group, New York City, NY.

Ledesma, A., Thompson, L., **Rodriguez-Keklak, K.**, O'Banon, M., Martin, J., & Blumenthal, H. (2022). *The Relative Role of Perceived Negative Maternal and Paternal Interactions in Depressive Symptoms among Adolescent Girls*. Poster submitted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies - Parenting and Families Special Interest Group, New York City, NY.

O'Banon, M., Ramarushton, B., Thompson, L., **Rodriguez-Keklak, K.**, Baker, A., Lewis, S., Blumenthal, H. (2022), *Emotional Suppression, Family Cohesion, and School Refusal among Adolescents*. Poster submitted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, San Diego, CA.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### ACCESS Peer Mentor

August 2021-Present

*Orientation & Transition Program, University of North Texas*

- Mentor and provide resources to first year students to help them stay focused and adjust to college life.
- Manage communication to a group of 50 freshmen to market resources, events, and services.
- Schedule one-on-one meetings to discuss goals and develop rapport among mentees.
- Coordinate outreach by utilizing Microsoft Teams.

### Jr. Camp Counselor & Work Crew Member

2019

*Camp Cho-Yeh*

- Develop meaningful relationship with fourth and fifth grade campers.
- Supervise and encourage campers during camp activities and ensure their general well-being.
- Collaborate with members of the crew to ensure that dishes were done and campsite was clean
- Worked under pressure to prepare for meal times in a fast paced environment.

## ASSESSMENT EXPERIENCE

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The Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-V  
(SCID-5-RV) for adolescent participants

*Major Depressive Disorder*  
*Panic Disorder*  
*Social Anxiety Disorder*  
*Generalized Anxiety Disorder*  
*Alcohol Use Disorder*  
*Cannabis Use Disorder*

The Mini International Neuropsychiatric Interview  
(M.I.N.I.) for adult participants

*Major Depressive Disorder*  
*Panic Disorder*  
*Agoraphobia*  
*Social Anxiety Disorder (Social Phobia)*  
*Generalized Anxiety Disorder*  
*Alcohol Use Disorder*  
*Cannabis Use Disorder*

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

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### **Psi Chi International Honor Society, University of North Texas Chapter**

**Fall 2022-Present**

#### ***President***

- Establish goals and objectives for the chapter and keep them on track.
- Plan workshops to help psychology students advance in the field of psychology.
- Prepare materials and lead weekly officer and general body meetings.
- Delegate responsibilities to other officers on the team.
- Provide information and resources to members about research, graduate school, and careers in the field of psychology.

#### ***Psychology Mentor - Mentorship Program Coordinator***

**Spring 2022-Present**

- Train mentors and establish deadlines and program requirements.
- Provided advice and guidance for new psychology majors.
- Developed rapport with mentees by completing weekly meetings to provide resources on goal building, career exploration, graduate school exploration, and research.

#### ***Activities Committee Member***

**Spring 2022-Present**

- Oversaw planning of event for student body.
- Submit application for funding of event.
- Attended meetings once a week to plan an event for the student body.
- Helped prepare materials to present to the Student Government Association for event approval.
- Helped find materials and put together a budget for the event.

## ACADEMIC AWARDS & HONORS

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### **President's List**

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, University of North Texas  
*4.0 GPA Semester GPA*

**Spring 2021, Fall 2022,  
Spring 2022**

### **Dean's List**

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, University of North Texas  
*3.5 Semester GPA or higher*

**Fall 2020**

### **UNT Excellence Scholarship**

*\$24,000*

**Fall 2020-Fall 2023**

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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### **Psi Chi International Honor Society of Psychology**

**November 2021-Present**

### **Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (ABCT)**

**September 2021-Present**

## COMPLETED TRAININGS

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University of North Texas Risk Management Services	<b>February 2022</b>
• General Biosafety 1 and 2	<b>February 2022</b>
• Bloodborne Pathogen Safety	
Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	<b>February 2022</b>
• Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)	
Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI)	<b>February 2022</b>
• Clinical Trials and Investigational Drugs and Biologics (ICH Focus)	<b>September 2021</b>
• Social and Behavioral Research	<b>September 2022</b>
• Initial Biosafety Training	<b>September 2022</b>
• Basic Introduction to Biosafety	<b>September 2022</b>
• Emergency and Incident Responses to Biohazard Spills and Releases	<b>September 2022</b>
• Personal Protective Equipment	<b>September 2022</b>
• OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens	<b>September 2022</b>
Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)	<b>February 2022</b>
American Red Cross Babysitter Training	<b>2014</b>
Abigail's Arms Agent of Change Class	<b>October 2022</b>
UNT Counseling & Testing Services: Suicide Prevention Training	<b>November 2022</b>

## SKILLS & SOFTWARE EXPERIENCE

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*Microsoft 365:* Word, Excel, & Teams

*SPSS:* Proficiency in inputting variables and running analyses.

*Qualtrics:* Experience in creating, administering, and monitoring progress of surveys.

*REDCap:* Administered surveys to participants daily, observed survey progress, and recorded answers.

*Liceo Conservatory:* 15 years of classical training in Piano and Music Theory

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK

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### University of North Texas, Denton, Texas

PSYC 2317 - Quantitative Methods

PSYC 3650 - Experimental Methods

PSYC 3100 - Social Psychology

PSYC 3620 - Developmental Psychology

PSYC 4470 - Sexual Behavior

PSYC 4520 - Personality

PSYC 4610 - Abnormal Psychology

PSYC 3530 - Psychology of the Offender

PSYC 4040 - Psychology of Race in the U.S.

PSYC 3300 - Addictive Behaviors

SOWK 3525 - Violence in Families

SOWK 4325 - Intersection of Trauma and Substance Use

## **PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES**

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