

# KATIE RODRIGUEZ-KEKLAK

*Curriculum Vitae*

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## EDUCATION

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**Master of Science**, Clinical Mental Health Counseling **May 2026**  
University of North Texas (UNT), Denton, TX  
Cumulative GPA: N/A

**Bachelor of Science**, Psychology, *Summa Cum Laude* **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-May 2023**  
Teen Stress and Alcohol Research (St.A.R.) Lab, University of North Texas  
*Advisor: Heidemarie Blumenthal, Ph.D.*

**Study:**

- A Controlled Test of Interpersonal Rejection, Social Anxiety, and Alcohol Use among Female Adolescents (NIH-Funded; R15AA026079-01)

**Responsibilities:**

- Called, screened, and scheduled participants based on DSM-5 criteria for substance use, major depression, and social anxiety disorder.
- Ran three hour laboratory based protocol with adolescent participants; collected informed consent and assent, gave task instructions, collected saliva samples, conducted clinical interviews, and administered debrief
- Conducted follow up calls with participants to obtain data for the final part of the study.

**Leadership Responsibilities:**

- Led 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.
- Sent and responded to emails regarding recruitment purposes and updated information for IRB latter modifications.
- Took notes from weekly meetings and distributed to lab members.
- Interviewed prospective lab members and conducted orientation for new lab members.

**Research Assistant** **November 2022-May 2023**  
Translational Addictions Research Consortium (TARC) Lab, University of North Texas  
*Advisor: Donald Dougherty, Ph.D.*

### **Studies:**

- Piloting Deposit Contracts to Increase Accessibility of a Contingency Management Intervention to Reduce Problematic Drinking (NIH-Funded; 1R21AA029659-01)
- Validation of a Novel Wearable Alcohol Detection Device

### **Responsibilities:**

- Ran participants through an 8-week intervention study investigating the efficacy of a deposit contract paired with a contingency in reducing heavy alcohol use
- Aided with the dosing of participants with three levels of breath alcohol percentage (.02, .04, .08) and tested two transdermal alcohol detection monitors
- Contacted and administered MMSE, CIWA-R, and TLFB to adult participants to screen for eligibility
- Operated community recruitment of adult participants

## **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-May 2023**

*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.
- Managed communication to a group of 50 freshmen to market resources, events, and services.
- Scheduled one-on-one meetings to discuss goals and develop rapport among mentees.
- Coordinated outreach by utilizing Microsoft Teams.

### **Jr. Camp Counselor & Work Crew Member**

**June 2019-July 2019**

*Camp Cho-Yeh*

- Develop meaningful relationship with fourth and fifth grade campers.
- Supervised and encouraged campers during camp activities and ensure their general well-being.
- Collaborated 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

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

- Major Depressive Disorder
- Manic and Hypomanic Episodes
- Panic Disorder
- Agoraphobia
- Social Anxiety Disorder (Social Phobia)
- Generalized Anxiety Disorder
- Alcohol Use Disorder
- Cannabis Use Disorder
- Psychotic Disorders and Mood Disorder with Psychotic Features

*MMSE:* Mini-Mental State Exam

*CIWA-R:* Clinical Institute Withdrawal Assessment of Alcohol

*TLFB:* Timeline Follow-back for Alcohol and Cannabis Use

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

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

**May 2022-May 2023**

*President*

- Established goals and objectives for the chapter and kept them on track.
- Planned workshops to help psychology students advance in the field of psychology.
- Prepared materials and led weekly officer and general body meetings.
- Delegated responsibilities to other officers on the team.
- Provided information and resources to members about research, graduate school, and careers in the field of psychology.

*Mentorship Program Coordinator/Psychology Mentor*

**January 2022-May 2023**

- Trained mentors and established 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 Coordinator/Activities Committee Member*

**January 2022-May 2023**

- 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 Semester GPA

Spring 2021, Fall 2021,  
Spring 2022, Fall 2022,  
Spring 2023

### 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-Spring 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

- General Biosafety 1 and 2
- Bloodborne Pathogen Safety

February 2022

February 2022

### Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

February 2022

### Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI)

- Clinical Trials and Investigational Drugs and Biologics (ICH Focus)
- Social and Behavioral Research
- Initial Biosafety Training
- Basic Introduction to Biosafety
- Emergency and Incident Responses to Biohazard Spills and Releases
- Personal Protective Equipment
- OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens
- Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR)

February 2022

September 2021

September 2022

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September 2022

January 2023

### Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)

February 2022

### American Red Cross Babysitter Training

2014

### Abigail's Arms Agent of Change Class

October 2022

### UNT Counseling & Testing Services: Suicide Prevention Training

November 2022

### Trauma and Trauma-Informed Care: An Introductory Training Provided by DFPS

January 2023

## 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 4820 - Sensation and Perception

PSYC 4610 - Abnormal Psychology

PSYC 4600 - History and Systems

PSYC 4520 - Personality

PSYC 4470 - Sexual Behavior

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

PSYC 3650 - Experimental Methods

PSYC 3620 - Developmental Psychology

PSYC 3530 - Psychology of the Offender

PSYC 3300 - Addictive Behaviors

PSYC 3100 - Social Psychology

PSYC 3000 - Positive Psychology

PSYC 2480 - Psychosocial Adjustment

PSYC 2317 - Quantitative Methods

SOWK 4725 - Theory and Practice in Mental Health

SOWK 4700 - Child Welfare Practices and Services

SOWK 4325 - Intersection of Trauma and Substance Use

SOWK 3525 - Violence in Families

## **PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES**

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### **Heidemarie Blumenthal, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor of Psychology

Director of Teen St.A.R. Laboratory

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### **Anthony Ryals, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor of Psychology

Psi Chi Faculty Advisor

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### **Rodolfo Gómez, M.Ed**

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