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**I. EDUCATION**

- 2012 Ph.D. in Sociology – The Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL  
**Dissertation Title:** “The Influence of Stress Exposure and Social Contexts on the Mental Health Outcomes of Adolescents in Same-Race and Interracial Romantic Relationships”  
Major Professor: Kathryn Harker Tillman
- 2009 M.S. in Sociology – The Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL  
**Thesis Title:** “Socioeconomic Status and Depression: Racial Contrasts in the Mediating and Moderating Effects of Family Social Support”  
Major Professor: John Taylor
- 2007 State of Florida Professional Educators Certificate in Social Science (Grades 6-12): July 2007-June 2012
- 2005 M.A. in Teaching – The University of South Florida, Tampa FL
- 2002 B.A. in Sociology – The University of South Florida, Tampa FL

**II. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2020 - Present Associate Professor, Department of Sociology (USF).  
**Responsibilities:** Developed the Sociology Concentration for ISS for the USFSP campus, Director/Coordinator of the USFSP Interdisciplinary Social Science Program.  
**Courses taught:** SYA 3110, SYA 6933, SYD 3700, SYG 2000, SYO 3120.
- 2016 – 2020 **Assistant Professor**, Interdisciplinary Social Science Program in the Department of Society, Culture and Language (USFSP).  
**Responsibilities:** Developed the curriculum for the sociology cognate, teaching lower and upper-level undergraduate courses, conducting research, and providing academic service.

**Courses taught:** SYG 2000, SYG 2010, SYA 3110, SYO 3120, SYO 4400, ISS 3010, ISS 3300, and ISS 4935.

- 2012 - 2016      **Assistant Professor**, Department of Sociology & Gerontology and Department of Global and Intercultural Studies, Miami University Hamilton (MUH).  
**Responsibilities:** Teaching lower and upper-level courses, conducting research, advising students, and providing academic service.  
**Courses taught:** SOC 151, SOC 153, SOC 201, SOC 262, BWS 151, BWS/SOC 348, and CJS/BWS/ 401.
- 2007 – 2012      **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Sociology Department, The Florida State University (FSU).  
**Responsibilities:** Assisting professors with lesson planning, course presentations, and grading academic assessments to foster higher order thinking in face-to-face courses (SYG 2010, SYO 4402, SYD 4700, and SYA 4930). Assisting professors with creating and managing course websites, grading and handling student related issues and concerns in online courses (SYG 2430, SYD 3020, SYA 4300, SYA 4400, SYP 4550, and SYP 4570). Mentoring other graduate students on conducting research, writing manuscripts, and statistical methodologies.  
**Lone Instructor:** *Family Problems and Social Change* (SYA 3100), *African Americans in Modern U.S. Society* (SYO 4730), and *Research Methods in Social Science* (SYA 4300).
- 2005 – 2007      **Social Studies Teacher**, Armwood High School, Seffner, FL  
**Responsibilities:** Lesson planning, classroom management, presenting lessons, developing course curriculums, and creating activities for adolescents in a public school setting.  
**Courses taught:** American Government, Advanced Placement American Government, African-American History and Anthropology.
- 2003 – 2004      **Diversion Specialist**, Juvenile Assessment Center, Tampa, FL  
**Responsibilities:** Counseling delinquent youth and their families, writing legal recommendations to the Florida State Attorney's Office, conducting in-depth interviews with clients, recommending community resources, and working with law enforcement officers.
- 2003 – 2004      **Graduate Research Assistant**, Psychology Department, The University of South Florida (USF).  
2001 – 2002      **Responsibilities:** Data entry, filing, interviewing research participants, and giving presentations on alcohol consumption.

### III. PUBLICATIONS

#### A. **Peer-Reviewed Publications** (underline indicates undergraduate student co-author)

12. Tillman, Kathryn, Ladanya Ramirez Surmeier, and **Miller, Byron**. 2022. "College Students and "Interracial" Relationships: How Our Measures Matter." *Social Currents*: DOI: 10.1177/23294965221118071. [Impact Factor = 1.544]
11. **Miller, Byron**, Anthony James, and Roudi Nazarinia Roy. 2022. "Loving Across Racial Lines: Associations between Gender and Partner Race and the Health of Young Adults. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*." *Journal of Child and Family Studies* 31:703-715. [Impact Factor=2.278]
10. **Miller, Byron** Catalina, Savanah, Sara Rocks, and Kathryn Tillman. 2021. "It's Your Decision to Date Interracially: The Influence of Family Approval on the Likelihood of Interracial Dating." *Journal of Family Issues* 43(2):443-466. [Impact Factor=2.072]
9. **Miller, Byron**, Jennifer Carter, Callan MacRae, and Brittany Schulz. 2021. "A Comparison of Attitudes Towards Female and Male Breadwinners in Germany, Sweden, and the United States." *Journal of Gender Studies* 30(3), 358-370. DOI: 10.1080/09589236.2021.1872510 [Impact Factor=2.539]
8. **Miller, Byron**, Sara Rocks, Savanah Catalina, Nicole Zemaitis, Kia Daniels, and Jaime Londono. 2019. "The Missing Link in Contemporary Health Disparities Research: A Profile of the mental and self-rated health of multiracial young adults. *Health Sociology Review* 28(2); 209-227.
7. James, Anthony, and **Byron Miller**. 2017. "My body is a temple: Testing the mediating role of youths' spirituality on healthy behaviors." *International Journal of Children's Spirituality* 22(2); 134-153.
6. Tillman, Kathryn Harker, and **Byron Miller**. 2017. "The Role of Family Relationships in the Psychological Wellbeing of Interracially Dating Adolescents." *Social Science Research* 65; 240-252.
5. **Miller, Byron** and Jessica Irvin. 2017. "Invisible Scars: Comparing the Mental Health of Same-Sex and Opposite-Sex Intimate Partner Violence Victims." *Journal of Homosexuality* 64(9); 1180-1195.
4. **Miller, Byron**, and Benjamin Lennox Kail. 2016. "Exploring the Effects of Spousal Race on the Self-Rated Health of Intermarried Adults." *Sociological Perspectives* 59(3); 604-618.
3. **Miller, Byron**. 2014. "What are the Odds: An Examination of Adolescent Interracial Romance and Risk for Depression." *Youth and Society* 49(2); 180-202.

2. **Miller, Byron**, Sunshine Rote, and Verna Keith. 2013. "Coping with Racial Discrimination: Assessing the Vulnerability of African Americans and the Mediated Moderation of Psychosocial Resources." *Society and Mental Health* 3(2): 133-150.
1. **Miller, Byron**, and John Taylor. 2012. "Racial and Socioeconomic Status Differences in Depressive Symptoms Among Black and White Youth: An Examination of the Mediating Effects of Family Structure, Stress and Support." *Journal of Youth and Adolescence* 41: 426-437.

## **B. Published Book Chapters**

4. **Miller, Byron**. 2020 . "Black Interracial Families in U.S. Society" Pp 88-96 in *Black Families: A Systems Approach*, edited by Anthony James. San Diego: Cognella Academic Press.
3. Nazarinia, Roudi Roy, Yolanda Mitchell, Anthony G. James, **Byron Miller**, and Jessica Hutchinson. 2019. "Experiences of Family Support and Social Support during the Transition to Motherhood among Mothers of Biracial and Monoracial Infants." Pp 17-35 in *Contemporary Perspectives in Family Research* (Volume 15), edited by S.L. Blair and R.P. Costa.
2. Harrington, C. Lee, and **Byron Miller**. 2016. "Mapping the Daytime Landscape: World-Building on US Soap Opera." Pp 193-209 in *Materiality and Popular Culture: The Popular Life of Things*, edited by Anna Malinowska and Karolina Lebek. New York: Routledge Publications.
1. **Miller, Byron**. 2015. "The Big Picture: Black Girls, Adolescent Girls and Crime Today." Pp. 301-312 in *Black Girls and Adolescents: Facing the Challenges*, edited by Catherine Fisher Collins. Santa Barbara: Praeger Publishers.

## **C. Published Books**

1. **Miller, Byron**. *Interracial Romance and Race Relations: Bridging Generations and Society*. 2022. Lexington Books, Lanham, Maryland.

## **D. Other Published Works**

1. **Miller, Byron** and Jessica Irvin. 2017. "Invisible Scars: Comparing the Mental Health of Same-Sex and Opposite-Sex Intimate Partner Violence Victims." *Open Forest*. Retrievable at <https://openforest.net/contributor/byronmiller/>

## **E. Book Reviews**

1. Miller, Byron. 2020. "Book Review of Biracial Families: Crossing Boundaries, Bleeding Cultures, and Challenging Racial Ideologies." *Journal of Family Theory & Review*.

#### F. Manuscripts Under Review

#### G. Manuscripts in Progress

**Miller, Byron**, and Maya Oliver. "I'm Happy You Approve: The Impact of Family Approval on the Mental Health of Interracial Daters." Currently being prepared for presentation at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society.

**Miller, Byron**, Jordan Cooper, and Loren Hill. "The Domino Effect: Investigating the Depressive Symptomatology and Self-Rated Health of Black-Nonblack Multiracials." Currently being revised for resubmission at *Society and Mental Health* (Impact Factor=3.432).

Rocks, Sara, **Miller, Byron** and Samantha Silva-Arroyo. "Should we Tie the Knot?: An Examination of the Mental and Self-Rated Health of Interracial Cohabitators." Currently under review at *Social Forces* (Impact Factor = 3.575).

**Miller, Byron** and Devin MacIntire. "A Study of Same-Race, Interracial, and Same-Sex Partner Selection Among College Students. [Currently being prepared for submission to the *Sexualities*].

**Miller, Byron** and Ben Lennox Kail. "Racial Disparities in the Effects of Workplace Discrimination on the Life Satisfaction of Older Adults." [Currently being prepared for submission to *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*].

**Miller, Byron**, Devin MacIntire, Tatum Flowers, and Brittany Hearnese. "Considering The Intersection of Race and Gender on Multiracial Mental Health." [Currently being prepared for submission to *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*].

#### IV. PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

(underline indicates undergraduate student co-author)

25. Miller, Byron. "The Bridge Kids: Young Adults who Connect Family, Friends, and Racial Groups." December 2020. University of South Florida Alumni Association Trail Blazers Lecture. Tampa, FL
24. **Miller, Byron**, Jordan Cooper, and Loren Hill. "The Domino Effect: Investigating the Depressive Symptomatology and Self-Rated Health of Black-Nonblack Multiracials." 2020. Paper accepted for presentation at annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Jacksonville, FL. Meeting cancelled due to

COVID-19 pandemic.

23. Miller, Byron. 2019. "Interracial Dating and it's Impact on Race Relations." Town Hall Meeting presented at the University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.
22. Miller, Byron, Devin MacIntire, Tatum Flowers, and Kathryn Tillman. 2019. "Considering The Intersection of Race and Gender on Multiracial Mental Health." Paper presented at annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.
21. Moore, LaSonya, Harris Ambush, Michelle Madden, Dawn Cecil, Jake Diaz, Sandra Vernon-Jackson, Byron Miller, and Kayla Nembhard. 2019. Social justice and mindfulness. Bay-to-Bay Symposium, University of South Florida St. Petersburg, St Petersburg, Florida.
20. Catalina, Savanah, Sara Rocks, and Byron Miller. 2018. "It's Your Decision to Date Interracially: The Influence of Family Support." Paper presented at annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.
19. Tillman, Kathryn H. Harker and Byron Miller. 2018. "Who Dates Interracially and Which Couples Count? An Examination of Romantically Involved College Students." Paper presented at annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Denver, CO.
18. Miller, Byron. 2017. "Comparing the Health of Romantically Involved Monoracial and Multiracial Young Adults. Paper presented at annual meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association, Chattanooga, TN.
17. Miller, Byron. 2016. "Exploring the Impact of Friendship Networks on the Psychological Well-being of interracially Dating Adolescents." Paper presented at annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA.
16. Tillman, Kathryn Harker and Byron Miller. 2016. "The Role of Family Relationships and the Psychological Well-being of Interracially Dating Adolescents." Paper presented at annual meeting of the Southern Demographic Association, Athens, GA.
15. Tillman, Kathryn Harker and Byron Miller. 2016. "The Role of Family Relationships and the Psychological Well-being of Interracially Dating Adolescents." Paper presented at annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington, DC.
14. Alessio, Helaine Luis Pradanos-Garcia, Alan Cady, Tammy Schwartz, Byron Miller, and Bonnie Stephenson. 2014. "Successes and Shortfalls of Incorporating Ecological Literacy in Teaching, Research, and Service." Presented at the Lilly International Conference on College Teaching, Oxford, OH.

13. James, Anthony, and Byron Miller. 2014. "My body is a temple...Testing the mediating role of youths' spirituality on healthy behaviors." Presented at the annual conference of the Society of Research on Child Development, Prague, Czech Republic.
12. Miller, Byron. 2013. "What are the Odds: An Examination of Adolescent Interracial Romance and Risk for Depression." Paper presented at the annual conference of the Association of Applied and Clinical Sociology, Portland, OR.
11. Chaired Session on "Family and Marriage," Southern Demographic Association, Williamsburg, VA, October 2012.
10. Miller, Byron. 2011. "Interracial and Same-Race Relationships: Examining the Mediating Effects of Emotional Support and Parent-Child Relationships on the Psychological Well-Being of Romantically Involved Adolescents" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Demographic Association, Tallahassee, FL.
9. Taylor, John and Byron Miller. 2011. "Race and Psychological Distress: An Examination of the Significance of Health Behaviors and Social Disadvantage." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Demographic Association, Tallahassee, FL.
8. Miller, Byron, Sunshine Rote, and Verna Keith. 2010. "Exploring the Effects of Income and Discrimination on the Mental Health of African Americans." Paper presented at the International Conference on Social Stress Research, Portsmouth, NH.
7. Tillman, Kathryn Harker and Byron Miller. 2010. "College Attendance Among Immigrant and Native-Born Youth: The Importance of Community Context." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Demographic Association, Nashville, TN.
6. Miller, Byron. 2010. "Changed Spheres and Attitudes: A Cross-National Study of Post-Deindustrialization Attitudes of Gender Roles." Paper presented at annual meeting of the Southern Demographic Association, Nashville, TN.
5. Miller, Byron. 2010. "Black & White Romance: Examining the Mental Health of Adolescents in Interracial Romantic Relationships." Paper presented at annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA.
4. Reid, Keshia M., Byron Miller, and Amanda Poling. 2010. "Interracial Couples: A Look at Discrimination and Coping Strategies." Paper presented at annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.

3. Miller, Byron, Sunshine Rote, and Verna Keith. 2010. "Exploring the Effects of Income and Discrimination on the Mental Health of African Americans." Paper presented at annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.
2. Miller, Byron and John Taylor. 2009. "Socioeconomic Status and Depression: Racial/Ethnic Contrasts in the Mediating and Moderating Effects of Family Social Support." Paper presented at annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.
1. Tillman, Kathryn Harker and Byron Miller. 2008. "Who Goes to College? Immigrant Youth and the Importance of Community Context." Paper presented at annual meeting of the Southern Demographic Association, Greensboro, SC.

#### **V. INVITED TALKS**

Sociology Graduate Student Professional Seminar. Florida State University. Spring 2021.  
Sociology Graduate Student Professional Seminar. University of South Florida. Spring 2021.

#### **VI. FUNDED RESEARCH GRANTS**

The Bridge Kids: Exploring the Effects of Race and Romance on the Health of College Students. 2017. University of South Florida St. Petersburg (IR Grant).....\$10,000.

The Bridge Kids: Exploring the Effects of Interracial Romance on Mental Health. 2014. Miami University Hamilton Research and Scholarship Committee.....\$900.

The Bridge Kids: Exploring the Effects of Interracial Romance on Mental Health. 2014. Miami University Committee on Faculty Research.....\$3,000.

Dissertation Research Grant. 2010. Florida State University.....\$750.

#### **VII. PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Southern Sociological Society (member since 2008)  
American Sociological Association (member since 2009)  
Southern Demographic Association (2009 - 2018)  
Mid-South Sociological Association (member 2017 - 2018)  
Applied and Clinical Sociology (member 2013 - 2015)

#### **VIII. HONORS AND AWARDS**

University of South Florida College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award, 2020  
Miami University Outstanding Professor Award Nominee, 2014  
Excellence in Teaching Award: National Society of Leadership and Success (MUH), 2014



Best Graduate Research Paper: Florida State University, 2011

## IX. SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- USF Presidential Advisory Council on the Status of Men (2018 – present)
- USF Academic Integrity Committee (Fall 2020 – present)
- USF College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Council (Fall 2020 – present)
- USF Regional Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Search Committee (Fall 2020 – Spring 2021)
- USF Department of Sociology and Interdisciplinary Studies Graduate Program Committee (Fall 2020 – present)
- USF Department of Sociology and Interdisciplinary Studies Executive Committee (Fall 2021 – present)
- USF Department of Sociology and Interdisciplinary Studies Search Committee (Fall 2021 – Spring 2022)
- USFT ISS Search Committee (Fall 2019 – present)
- USFSP Interdisciplinary Social Science Program Director/Coordinator (2019 – present)
- USFSP Social Justice and Mindfulness Faculty Learning Community (2018 – 2019)
- USFSP CAS Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2018 – 2020)
- MUH Diversity Committee Chair (2012 - 2016)
- MU College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee Member (2015 - 2016)
- MUH Faculty Concerns Committee (2015 - 2016)
- MUH E-Learning Advisory Committee (2015 - 2016)
- MUH Chief Regional Advisor for Black World Studies (2013 - 2016)
- Great American Teach In. 2017. Durant High School, Tamp, FL. “What do Sociologists do.”

### Editorial Board Membership

- Society and Mental Health (2023 – 2025)

Occasionally reviewed manuscripts for the following professional journals:

- Health Sociology Review
- Journal of Excellence in College Teaching
- Journal of Health and Social Behavior
- Journal of Youth and Adolescence
- Marriage and Family Review
- Research in the Sociology of Education
- Social Science Research
- Society and Mental Health
- Sociological Quarterly
- Youth and Society