# Mackenzie R. Coy

Curriculum Vitae

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## EDUCATION

**Auburn University** Ongoing
Doctor of Philosophy in Human Development and Family Science Overall GPA: N/A

**University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign** Spring 2026
Bachelor of Science in Developmental Psychology Overall GPA: 4.00/4.00
Distinction in Psychology, Summa Cum Laude Last 60 hours: 4.00/4.00
Psychology GPA: 4.00/4.00

Bachelor's Thesis: *How social media impacts subjective age and self-perception in emerging adults.*

**Università di Pavia, Italy** Spring 2025
Study Abroad Program
Coursework from the Psychology, Neuroscience, and Human Sciences Master's Degree promoted by the University of Pavia and the IUSS – University School for Advanced Studies, Pavia

## HONORS AND AWARDS

Edward W. Collins and Doris Strickland-Collins Intern Award (UIUC) Spring 2026
Bronze Tablet Scholar (UIUC) Spring 2026
LAS James Scholar (UIUC) Summer 2023-Spring 2026
Dean's List Recipient (UIUC) Fall 2022-Fall 2024, Fall 2025, Spring 2026
List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent By Their Students (UIUC) Fall 2024
Panhellenic Council Living Your Values Award (UIUC) Fall 2024

## GRANTS

UIUC Office of Undergraduate Research, "Conference Travel Grant", $200 2026

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### Manuscripts in Preparation

Coy, M., Troop-Gordon, W., & Rudolph, K. D. (2026). *How Popularity May Inhibit and Exacerbate the Effects of Pubertal Timing*. [Master's thesis, Auburn University].

### Previous Projects

Coy, M., & Ratner, K. (2026). *Social media and perceptions of adulthood.* [Bachelor's thesis, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign].

**Presentations and Conferences**

Coy, M., & Ratner, K. (2026, February 26-28). *Social media and perceptions of adulthood* [Poster]. The Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Chicago, IL, United States.

Coy, M., & Ratner, K. (2026, April 16-18). *Social media and perceptions of adulthood* [Poster]. Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL, United States.

Coy, M., & Ratner, K. (2026, April 30). *Social Media and Perceptions of Adulthood* [Poster]. Undergraduate Research Symposium, Urbana, IL, United States.

Coy, M., & Ratner, K. (2026, May 7). *Social Media and Perceptions of Adulthood* [Poster]. Capstone Presentation, Urbana, IL, United States.

**Research Assistantships**

**The Self and Psychological Well-being (SAP) Lab** September 2024-Spring 2026

Principal Investigator: Kaylin Ratner, Ph.D.

- Designed and led a research project exploring the effects of social media on emerging adults as part of the LAS Capstone Program
    - Constructed an experimental survey in Qualtrics
    - Wrote and managed IRB submissions and revisions
    - Monitored recruitment, data collection, and compensation
    - Analyzed collected data
    - Wrote a manuscript-style paper to communicate findings
- Supported colleagues in reviewing current literature and methodology for future research projects
- Piloted surveys and gave feedback on user experience
- Created survey codebooks
- Coded data scraped from online sources
- Qualitative content analysis coding and third-rater adjudication

**LittleBeats** August 2023-May 2024

Principal Investigator: Nancy McElwain, Ph.D.

- Revised heart rate monitor data (CardioBatch and CardioEdit) of infants
- Annotated speech files of parent-child interactions for analysis

**RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Teen Travel Camp Director** Summer 2026

Itasca Park District Itasca, IL

- Organized daily activities and field trips for up to 26 teens
- Transported campers ages 3 to 14 years old to daily activities
- Acted as a mandated reporter and became certified in Red Cross First Aid
- Communicated with parents about their child's needs
- Provided feedback to counselors to improve leadership skills for future summers

**Intern** Summer 2024

Family Recovery Centers St. Charles, IL

- Assisted in facilitating group therapy conversations with parents and adolescents using DBT skills
- Collected drug test samples and performed regular body checks
- Prepared materials for activities for groups of up to 13 patients and their parents
- Handled confidential paperwork for insurance coverage and record-keeping

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Teaching Assistant** Fall 2026

College of Human Sciences, Auburn University

Supervisor: Lisa Moyer, Ph.D.

**LAS First Year Experience Intern** Fall 2024, Fall 2025

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Supervising Teaching Assistants: Elena Broscritto, Yaning Cao, and Viktoria Loidl

## UNIVERSITY INVOLVEMENT

Global Peer Ambassador, UIUC LAS International Programs Fall 2025-Spring 2026

Editor, UIUC Undergraduate Psychology Journal Fall 2025-Spring 2026

Collegiate Member, Phi Sigma Sigma Theta Chapter Fall 2022-Spring 2026

Member, UIUC Women in Psychology Fall 2022-Spring 2026

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member-at-Large, Phi Sigma Sigma Theta Chapter January-December 2024

Secretary, UIUC Women in Psychology August 2023-May 2024

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK

**Psychology**

The Teenage Years, Psychology of Aging, Development Child Psychology Lab, Introduction to Statistics, Capstone Undergraduate Research, Child Psychology, Perception and Sensory Processes, Learning and Memory, Psychology of Gender, Personality and Social Development, Psychopathology and Problems in Living

**Gender and Women's Studies**

Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies, Sex and Gender in Popular Media, Race, Gender, & Power, Queer Theory, Sexualities, Transgender Studies, Film, TV, & Gender

## SKILLS

**Software Proficiency**

Proficient in CardioBatch, CardioEdit, and Qualtrics

Beginner in SPSS, Python, R, and Mplus

**Language Proficiency**

Conversational Spanish

Basic Italian