

Ranell L. Mueller, Ph.D., MFT

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Gerontology, University of Kentucky, 2018

Concentration: Human-Animal Interactions

Dissertation: **Older Adult Men's Emotional Bonds With Their Dogs**

Dissertation Advisors: Graham Rowles, Ph.D; Elizabeth Hunter, Ph.D; Robert Mitchell, Ph.D;
John Watkins, Ph.D; Lee Blonder, Ph.D.

M.A., Marriage and Family Therapy, Pacific Lutheran University, 2008

Concentrations: Counseling, Geriatric Mental Health

Thesis: *Personal Therapy for Therapists*

Thesis Advisor: David Ward, Ph.D.

B.A, Psychology, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 2006

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, St. Francis University, 2019-Present

Courses: Abnormal Psychology, Personality Psychology, Developmental Psychology,
Introduction to Psychology

Instructor, University of Kentucky, 2018-2019

Courses: Aging in Today's World, Aging and Mental Health

Instructor, Eastern Kentucky University, 2018-2019

Courses: Introduction to Animal Studies, Developmental Psychology

Instructor, Colorado Mesa University, 2018-Present

Courses: Introduction to Dementia Care, The Aging Mind, The Neurology of Memory Loss,
Dementia Care Practices, Aging and Mental Health

Teaching Assistant, University of Kentucky, 2015-2018

Courses: Aging in Today's World

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Geriatric Mental Health Clinician, Cascade Mental Health, 2012-2014

Marriage and Family Therapist Intern, Good Samaritan Comprehensive Mental Health, 2006-2008.

Marriage and Family Student Therapist, Pacific Lutheran University Couple and Family Therapy Clinic, 2006-2008

PUBLICATIONS

Wampler, R. (2008). In the Presence of Grief. Book Review. Washington Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Newsletter. Spring, 2008.

Wampler, R. (2008). In the Presence of Grief. Book review. Maine Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Newsletter. Summer, 2008.

Wampler, R. (2008). Mistakes Were Made, But Not By Me. Book Review. Washington Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Newsletter. Fall, 2008.

Mueller, R. L. & Hunter, E. G. (2019). The Intersection of Aging and Pet Ownership: Influences of Health and Social Support. IAHAIO

Mueller, R.L. & Rowles, G. D. (2019). Beyond Attachment: Old Men and Their Dogs. (Submitting to Society and Animals).

PRESENTATIONS

Mueller, R. L. 2015. *Rural Transit and Aging in Appalachia*. Poster Presentation, University of Kentucky Center of Excellence in Rural Health, Hazard, KY.

Mueller, R. L. 2017. *An Analysis of LKLP In Perry County*. Poster Presentation, University of Kentucky, Graduate Appalachian Research Community. Lexington, KY.

Mueller, R. L. 2017. *Beyond Care: Understanding the Meaning of Older Adult's Attachment to Their Pets*. Poster Presentation, University of Kentucky Center for Translational Research 12th Annual Spring Meeting, Lexington, KY.

Mueller, R. L. 2017. *"They Need You" How Caring for A Pet Dog Fulfills the Desire to Be Needed Amongst Older Adults*. Poster Presentation, American Society on Aging, Chicago, IL.

Mueller, R. L. 2017. *How Physical Health Concerns Affect an Older Adult's Ability to Care for Their Pets*. Poster Presentation, International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics, San Francisco, CA.

Mueller, R. L. 2018. *The Intersection of Aging and Pet Ownership: Influences of Health and Social Support*. Poster Presentation, Association for Gerontology in Higher Education's 44th Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA

Mueller, R. L. (2019) *How Death of a Pet Dog Affects Older Adult Men's Perspectives of Aging and Mortality*. Poster Presentation, Living with Animals Conference, Eastern Kentucky University, March 21-24th, 2019.

Mueller, R. L., Lankow, T. R. (2019). *Mental Illness in the InfoSec Community*. Verbal Presentation, DerbyCon, Mental Health Hackers, Louisville, KY, September 6th-9th, 2019.

GRANTS

Waltham Petcare, Waltham, MA. In Collaboration with The Gerontological Society of America. Title of Project: Beyond Care: Understanding the Meaning of Older Adults' Attachment to Their Pets. Not funded

Human-Animal Bond Research Institute, Washington, D.C. Title of Project: Beyond Care: Understanding the Meaning of Older Adults' Attachment to Their Pets. Not funded

Donovan Scholars, University of Kentucky. Funded

Faculty Development Grant, Spring 2020, St. Francis University. Funded

Association for Psychological Science: Microgrants for Teaching: July, 2020

AWARDS AND HONORS

Editor's Choice Award-2008. Washington Association for Marriage and Family Therapy

Lyman T. Johnson Fellow, University of Kentucky; 2014-2017

Susan Lee Fellow, University of Kentucky; 2017-2018

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Chapter President, Sigma Phi Omega. 2015-2016.

Member, Sigma Phi Omega. 2015-present.

Gerontological Society of America. 2016-present

American Society on Aging. 2016-present