

# Laureon A. Merrie

## Contact Information

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## Education

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**Ph.D., Experimental Psychology**, Oklahoma State University (expected 2024)

Advisors: Jaimie Krems, Ph.D. & Jennifer Byrd-Craven, Ph. D.

**M.S., Experimental Psychology**, Western Illinois University (2019)

Thesis Title: He Said, She Said: The Influence of Appearance-Based Feedback on Women's Mating-Relevant Perceptions

Advisor: Kristine Kelly, Ph.D.

**B.S., Psychology**, Texas Christian University (2017)

Thesis Title: The Curious Case of Disregarded Feedback: Women's Responses to Mating Relevant Feedback from Same- and Opposite-Sex Others

John V. Roach Honors College Laureate

Summa Cum Laude

## Publications

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**Watson, L.** (2018) Promoting paternity (You look like your father phenomenon). In: Shackelford T., Weekes-Shackelford V. (Eds) Encyclopedia of Evolutionary Psychological Science. Springer, Cham.

**Watson, L., Kelly K.M.** (2018) Tradeoffs in mate selection. In: Shackelford T., Weekes-Shackelford V. (Eds) Encyclopedia of Evolutionary Psychological Science. Springer, Cham.

## Professional Presentations

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**Merrie, L. A., & Krems, J. A.** (2020, June). *When do we trust betrayers? Suggestions from functional views of friendship*. Paper submitted to the annual meeting of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Detroit, MI. Conference canceled due to COVID-19.

- Pollet, C. L.\*, Bock, J. E., & Merrie, L. A. (2020, April). *Don't mess with my family: Women's strategies for defending against honor-related threats*. Poster presentation at the annual meeting of the Oklahoma Psychological Society conference, Edmond, OK.
- Tierney, K.\*, Merrie, L. A., & Krems, J. A. (2020, March). *A secret language of disgust: Women, exclusion, and emotional expressions*. Poster accepted for presentation at the Oklahoma State University Department of Psychology Research Day, Stillwater, OK. Conference canceled due to COVID-19.
- Merrie, L. A., & Krems, J. A. (2020, February). *In the know: Lack of recognition as a status denigration tactic*. Poster presented at the Evolution Preconference at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology's annual convention, New Orleans, LA.
- Merrie, L. A. & Kelly, K. M. (2020, February). *Who sets the bar? Appearance-based feedback and women's mate standards*. Poster presented to the Society for Personality and Social Psychology's annual convention, New Orleans, LA.
- Merrie, L. A., & Kelly, K. M. (2019, August). *Girl power: The influence of women's judgments on other women's perceptions of attractiveness*. Poster presented at the Flyover-State Scientists Integrating Evolution conference, Stillwater, OK.
- Bradshaw, H. K., Merrie, L. A., & Hill, S. E. (2019, August). *Female friendship preferences and sexual inferences: Women's perceptions of same-sex others who prefer male friends*. Talk presented at the Flyover-State Scientists Integrating Evolution conference, Stillwater, OK.
- Merrie, L. A., Bradshaw, H. K., Jackson, T., & Kelly, K. M. (2019, April). *Friend or foe? Women's life history strategies and same-sex friendships*. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Merrie, L. A., Mathes, E. W. (2019, April). *Self-objectification's positive and negative outcomes for women's mating success*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Merrie, L. A., Mathes, E. W. (2019, April). *Dress to impress: Who do women consider when selecting clothing?*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Merrie, L. A., Bradshaw, H. K., & Hill, S. E. (2018, April). *Catfights or catcalls: Appearance-based feedback and women's mating standards*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Merrie, L. A., Bradshaw, H. K., & Hill, S. E. (2018, March.) *The curious case of disregarded feedback: women's responses to mating relevant feedback from same and opposite sex others*. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology's annual convention, Atlanta, GA.
- Merrie, L. A. (2017, April). *Domain specificity of the mating sociometer: Women's distrust of potential rivals' feedback*. Talk presented at the College of Science and Engineering Honors Presentations at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX.

Merrie, L. A., Yang, J., Bradshaw, H. K., & Hill, S. E. (2017, April). *Hot and not bothered: High T is associated with lower disgust sensitivity*. Poster presented at the Student Research Symposium at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX.

## Research Experience

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The Oklahoma Center for Evolutionary Analysis (Fall 2019 – Present)

I participate in weekly lab meetings to collaborate with graduate students and faculty members on a variety of projects, as well as give and receive feedback on project designs.

Krems Social and Evolutionary Psychology Lab (Fall 2019 – Present)

I participate in semi-weekly lab meetings with graduate and undergraduate students and help provide professional development and research training to undergraduate research assistants.

Byrd-Craven Psychobiology Lab (Fall 2019 – Present)

I participate in bi-weekly lab meetings with graduate and undergraduate students to help provide professional development and research training to undergraduate research assistants.

Kelly Interpersonal Relationships Lab (Fall 2017 – Spring 2019)

I participated in weekly lab meetings, collaborated with graduate and undergraduate students to design, conduct, and present research projects, and supervised research assistants in data collection procedures.

Hill Evolutionary Social Psychology Lab (Fall 2016 – Spring 2017)

I participated in the development of stimuli for various projects, programmed study materials into Qualtrics computer software, assisted in data collection by preparing laboratory spaces and supervising participants as they completed research, analyzed data using SPSS, and worked with faculty, graduate students, and other research assistants to present results of research at departmental symposia.

Tauber Memory and Cognition Psychology Lab (Spring 2016)

I assisted in data collection by scheduling participants through Sona systems, supervising participants as they completed studies in the computer lab, scoring tasks completed on paper, and logging results electronically using Excel.

## Professional Experience

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Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Experimental Psychology  
Oklahoma State University Department of Psychology

\*Indicates undergraduate researcher

- Faculty Supervisor: Matt Alderson, Ph.D.  
Responsibilities include teaching the lab section of an undergraduate experimental psychology course, holding weekly office hours, posting class materials to the Canvas class portal, and grading writing assignments and exams.
- Fall 2018 – Spring 2019 Graduate Assistant, Psychology Resource Center  
Western Illinois University Department of Psychology  
Faculty Supervisor: Jeff Laurent, Ph.D.  
Responsibilities include offering walk-in tutoring for students in psychology classes, handling reserved readings and make-up exams for faculty members, and checking out test kits for clinical assessments.
- Fall 2018 – Spring 2019 Graduate Assistant, Sona Administrator  
Western Illinois University Department of Psychology  
Faculty Supervisor: Kathy McGuire, Ph.D.  
I serve as the graduate student Sona Systems administrator.  
Responsibilities include managing course and user rosters, activating studies for student and faculty researchers, and assisting students with account access.
- Fall 2018 – Spring 2019 Graduate Assistant, Health Education  
Western Illinois University Alcohol and Other Drugs Resource Center  
Supervisor: Samantha Klingler  
As a representative of the Health Education program, I participate in outreach and prevention programs to teach students how to make healthy and responsible decisions regarding substances such as alcohol, marijuana, caffeine, and prescription drugs. I also educate students about general health issues such as nutrition, safe sexual activity, and stress management. Responsibilities include teaching Alcohol 101 classes, organizing and attending informational events, and designing educational pamphlets and activities to share with the student body.
- Fall 2017 – Spring 2018 Graduate Assistant, Psychology Resource Center  
Western Illinois University Department of Psychology  
Faculty Supervisor: Jeff Laurent, Ph.D.  
Responsibilities include offering walk-in tutoring for students in psychology classes, handling reserved readings and make-up exams for faculty members, and checking out test kits for clinical assessments. I also assisted with departmental duties, including exam proctoring and the administration of end of course evaluations and general education assessments.

Graduate Assistant, Research Methods Teaching Assistant  
Faculty Supervisor: Kristine Kelly, Ph.D.

I served as the teaching assistant for an undergraduate psychology research methods course. Responsibilities included helping students prepare class projects and conduct statistical analyses using SPSS, as well as evaluating student writing assignments and presentations.

Fall 2015 – Fall 2016

Frogtutoring, Tutor  
Supervisor: Kristin DeGrate, Frogtutoring Coordinator  
I tutored students in Spanish, basic math, and algebra.

## Research Funding

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2020	Oklahoma State University College of Arts and Sciences Student Technology Grant, \$8,604
2019	Human Behavior and Evolutionary Society (HBES) Grant, \$5,000
2018	Western Illinois University Graduate Student Research and Development Fund, \$288
2016	Texas Christian University College of Science and Engineering Student Research Award (SERC), \$1,497

## Service

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Fall 2018 – Spring 2019	Western Illinois University Department of Psychology Research Committee Responsibilities include meeting with committee members to set research requirements for the Psychology Undergraduate Research Experience.
Spring 2018	Western Illinois University School of Graduate Studies Seminar “Considering and Surviving Graduate School” Panelist Responsibilities included attending a panel for prospective graduate students to answer questions and discuss strategies for success in graduate school.
Fall 2017 – Spring 2018	Western Illinois University Grade Appeals Committee Responsibilities included meeting with the committee as needed to help resolve grade disputes filed by students.

## Professional Affiliations

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Society for Personality and Social Psychology

Human Behavior and Evolution Society

## Scholarships and Honors

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Spring 2017	Honorable Mention Award for presentation given at the 2017 College of Science and Engineering Honors Research Symposium
Spring 2017	Phi Beta Kappa Inductee
Spring 2017	Texas Christian University Department of Spanish and Hispanic Studies Faculty Choice Award for Excellence in Spanish
Fall 2016 – Spring 2017, Spring 2015 – Fall 2015	TCU Scholar
Fall 2014 – Spring 2017	Texas Christian University Dean's List
Fall 2014	Texas Christian University Dean's Scholarship, \$18,000 per year at TCU