


RYAN A. MILLAGER | VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY
Curriculum Vitae

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SUMMARY

I am a PhD candidate at Vanderbilt University in hearing and speech sciences. Robin Jones, PhD, is my research mentor. My primary areas of interest include (a) multifactorial contributions to stuttering in young children, (b) methods and digital tools to improve the efficiency and impact of research in communication sciences and disorders, and (c) support programs for people who stutter. I also have more than 10 years of clinical experience with stuttering and a long affiliation with the non-profit organization SAY: The Stuttering Association for the Young.

EDUCATION

- 2020 – present Ph.D. in Hearing & Speech Sciences, Vanderbilt University Dissertation: *Parent-child interactions and parenting self-efficacy in early childhood stuttering* (advisor: Robin M. Jones, PhD). *Anticipated completion: mid-2025*
- 2010 – 2012 M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology, Vanderbilt University
 Thesis: *Expressive language intratest scatter of preschool-age children who stutter* (advisor: Edward G. Conture, PhD)
 Graduated 3.97 GPA
- 2004 – 2008 B.A. in Music & B.A. in Dramatic Arts, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 Graduated *summa cum laude*, with highest honors, 3.94 GPA

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED

- CAPCSD Ph.D. Scholarship (\$12,000), Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders, 2024
- Pilot funding award (\$2,000) through the Vanderbilt Institute for Clinical and Translational Research, 2024, for “*Caregivers and Parents of Preschoolers who Stutter: Parent Surveys*”
- Graduate Student Research Award (\$5,000), National Stuttering Association, 2022-2024
- Students Preparing for Academic and Research Careers Award (\$980), American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2011-2012
- Mildred Brown Mayo Undergraduate Research Fellowship (\$1,000), UNC-Chapel Hill, 2007
- Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (\$3,000), UNC-Chapel Hill, 2007

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Visionary Session Award, 2024 ASHA Convention
- Young Investigator Award, Dept. of Hearing and Speech Sciences, Vanderbilt University, 2024
- Certificate in College Teaching, Vanderbilt University, 2022
- Certificate in Global Health, Vanderbilt University, 2022
- Russell J. Love Award for Excellence in Academic and Clinical Performance in Speech-Language Pathology, Dept. of Hearing and Speech Sciences, Vanderbilt University, 2012

PUBLICATIONS

1. PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Millager, R.A.**, Liu, T., Pruett, D.G., & Jones, R.M. (2025). A year in stuttering research: A systematic review of global representation and sociodemographic reporting practices in English-language journals in 2020. *Journal of Communication Disorders*, 114, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcomdis.2025.106500>
- Millager, R.A.**, Feldman, J.I., Williams, Z.J., Shibata, K., Martinez-Torres, K.A., Bryan, K.M., Pruett, D.G., Mitchell, J.T., Markfeld, J.E., Merritt, B., Daniels, D.E., Jones, R.M., & Woynaroski, T. (2024). Diversity of research participant gender, race, and ethnicity in communication sciences and disorders: A systematic review and quantitative synthesis of ASHA publications in 2020. *Perspectives of the ASHA Special Interest Groups*, 9, 836-854, https://doi.org/10.1044/2024_PERSP-23-00204
- Millager, R.A.**, Dietrich, M.S., & Jones, R.M. (2023). Behavioral and cognitive-affective features of stuttering in preschool-age children: Regression and exploratory cluster analyses. *Journal of Fluency Disorders*, 76. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jfludis.2023.105972>
- Herring, C., **Millager, R.A.**, & Yaruss, J.S. (2022). Outcomes following participation in a support-based summer camp for children who stutter. *Language, Speech, and Hearing Services in Schools*, 53(1). https://doi.org/10.1044/2021_LSHSS-21-00034
- Millager, R.A.**, Conture, E.G., Walden, T.A., & Kelly, E.M. (2014). Expressive language intratest scatter of preschool-age children who stutter. *Contemporary Issues in Communication Science and Disorders*, 41(spring), 110-119, https://doi.org/10.1044/cicsd_41_S_110

2. OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Herring, C., **Millager, R.A.**, & Yaruss, J.S. (2023). Impacts of a support-based summer camp for children who stutter: A synopsis. *Alliance for Camp Health CompassPoint*, 33(1), 14-15.
- Parsons, S., Azevedo, F., Elsherif, M. M., Guay, S., Shahim, O. N., Govaart, G. H., ... **Millager, R.A.**, ... & Aczel, B. (2022). A community-sourced glossary of open scholarship terms. *Nature Human Behavior*, 6(3), 312-318. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-021-01269-4>
- Millager, R.A.** (2018, April). Supporting children who stutter at school (parts 1-4). *SAY homepage*. <https://www.say.org/supporting-my-child-who-stutters-at-school-part-1-building-a-community-of-support/>

PRESENTATIONS

1. CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (PEER REVIEWED)

- Millager, R.A.**, & Rodgers, N.H. (2024, December 7). *Stages of change in stuttering therapy across the lifespan*. 1-hour seminar presented at the annual convention of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Seattle, WA. ****WINNER: Visionary Session Award****
- Millager, R.A.**, & Jones, R.M. (2024, May 17). *Self-efficacy and resilience in parents of young children who stutter: A pilot study*. Poster session presented at the 2024 World Congress on Stuttering and Cluttering, Austin, TX.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, CONTINUED

- Kim, I., Markfeld, J.E., Feldman, J.I., **Millager, R.**, Crowley, S., Kouria, H., Williams, Z.J., Sandbank, M., Bottema-Beutel, K., & Woynaroski, T.G. (2024, April 17-19). *REPRESENT AIM: A systematic review and meta-analysis of the sample demographics in autism intervention research*. Poster presented at the Gatlinburg Conference on Research and Theory in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Kansas City, MO.
- Millager, R.A.**, Liu, T., Pruett, D., & Jones, R.M. (2023, November 16). *Stuttering research in 2020: a systematic review of global representation and reporting practices in English-language journals*. Poster session presented at the 2023 annual convention of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Boston, MA.
- Paris, K.C., **Millager, R.A.**, Edwards, B.L., & Lewis, L. (2023, November 16). *The 'Intervision' model for peer mentorship: A case study in stuttering professional development*. Poster session presented at the 2023 annual convention of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Boston, MA.
- Henderson, J., **Millager, R.A.**, & Jones, R.M. (2023, September 21). *"The Stuttering Community" according to speech-language pathologists who stutter: A qualitative analysis*. Poster accepted for presentation at the 13th Oxford Dysfluency Conference, Oxford, UK. [this conference canceled due to RAAC crisis in the UK]
- Millager, R.A.**, Feldman, J.I., Shibata, K., Martinez-Torres, K., Bryan, K., Pruett, D., Mitchell, J., Williams, Z.J., Markfeld, J., Merritt, B., Daniels, D., Jones, R., & Woynaroski, T. (2022, November 19). *The diversity of research participants in communication sciences and disorders*. 1-hour seminar presented at the annual convention of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Liu, T., **Millager, R.A.**, Henderson, J., Kelly, E., & Jones, R. (2022, November 18). *The impact of Camp TALKS on children who stutter and their parents' insight and experiences*. Poster session presented at the annual convention of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Millager, R.A.** & Jones, R.M. (2022, May). Behavioral and Cognitive-Affective Features of Stuttering in Preschool-Age Children: Correlation and Exploratory Cluster Analyses. Technical talk presented at the Joint World Congress on Stuttering and Cluttering, Montreal, Canada.
- Millager, R.A.**, Gerlach, H., & Sepulveda, R. (2018, November). *Impact of a group support program on the communication attitudes of children who stutter*. Poster session presented at the annual convention of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Boston, MA.
- Millager, R.A.** (2018, November). *Practical and holistic approaches to telepractice and stuttering therapy*. Poster session presented at the annual convention of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Boston, MA.
- Herring, C., **Millager, R. A.**, & Yaruss, J. S. (2018, July) *Longitudinal outcomes following participation in a summer camp for children who stutter*. Poster presented at the Inaugural Joint World Congress of the International Cluttering Association (ICA), International Fluency Association (IFA) and International Stuttering Association (ISA), Hiroshima, Japan. Also presented at the 2018 annual convention of the Michigan Speech Language Hearing Association, East Lansing, MI.
- Millager, R.A.** (2018, April). *Practical and holistic approaches to treatment of children who stutter*. 2-hour seminar presented at the annual convention of the New York State Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Rochester, NY.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, CONTINUED

- Millager, R.A.** & Herring, C. (2016, November). *Self-rated outcomes following participation in a summer camp for children who stutter*. Poster session presented at the annual convention of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- Millager, R.A.**, Pollard, R., & Klein, J. (2016, November). *Group therapy approaches for school-age children and teens who stutter*. 1-hour seminar presented at the annual convention of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- Herring, C., **Millager, R.A.**, & Yaruss, J.S. (2013, November). *Effects of a performing arts curriculum on communication skills in children who stutter*. Poster session presented at the annual convention of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Chicago, IL.
- Millager, R.A.**, Ferriero, L.Z., Carter, A., & Kelly, E.M. (2013, November). *Two cases of re-emergent stuttering in Parkinson's Disease*. Poster session presented at the annual convention of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Chicago, IL.
- Millager, R.A.**, Conture, E.G., Walden, T.A., & Kelly, E.M. (2012, November). *Expressive language intratest scatter of preschool-age children who stutter*. Poster session presented at the annual convention of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Atlanta, GA.

2. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- Paris, K.C., Edwards, B.L., & **Millager, R.A.** (2024, December 6). *Peer mentoring in stuttering treatment: Enhancing clinical practice and professional growth*. Special Interest Group 4's 1-hour invited seminar, presented at the annual convention of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Seattle, WA.
- Millager, R.A.** (2024, July 11). Counseling strategies for children who stutter (and with other communication needs). 90-minute invited talk for Vanderbilt's Martha Lynch Lecture Series. Accessible at <https://youtu.be/c3QujnNLKHE>.
- Millager, R.A.** (2022, September 20). Practical strategies to support children who stutter: A review of individual and group approaches. 75-minute virtual workshop for the Stuttering Foundation's Continuing Education Series.
- Edwards, B.L., Herring, C., **Millager, R.A.**, & Williams, A. (2020, June 15). Self-help/support groups for children and adults who stutter: Resources for use during the COVID-19 crisis and beyond [invited panel discussion]. ASHA Special Interest Group Live Discussion, online.

3. SELECTED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

- Millager, R.A.** (2025, January 23). Stages of change and counseling for people with communication disorders. 60-minute virtual in-service for the adult medical speech-language pathology team at Massachusetts General Hospital.
- Millager, R.A.** (2023, September 6). Children's stuttering in the preschool years. 45-minute virtual continuing education module for the Vanderbilt Child & Family Center.
- Millager, R.A.** (2018, May). Practical and holistic treatment approaches for children who stutter. Day-long (7-hour) continuing education workshop for the NYC Department of Education, New York, NY.
- Millager, R.A.** & Preston, K. (2016, July). Storytelling for change. 1.5-hour parent workshop at the annual conference of the National Stuttering Association, Atlanta, GA.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Vanderbilt University, Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences

Research Assistant, Developmental Stuttering Lab (PI: Robin M. Jones, PhD), 2020 – present

Research Assistant, Developmental Stuttering Lab (PI: Edward G. Conture, PhD), 2010 – 2012

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Vanderbilt University, Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences, Nashville, TN

Teaching Assistant, SLP 5311: Stuttering (Fall semester, annually 2021-2024)

Guest Lecturer, HRSP 5361: Family-centered Counseling and Interviewing (Spring semester, 2025)

Guest Lecturer, HRSP 5323: Communication in Autism Spectrum Disorders (Fall semester, 2024)

Guest Lecturer, HRSP 5361: Family-centered Counseling and Interviewing (Spring semester, 2024)

Guest Lecturer, HRSP 8000: Introduction to Doctoral Studies and Research (Fall semester, 2022-2023)

Teaching Assistant, AUD 5361: Family-centered counseling (Summer semester, 2021)

Testing & Training International, Brooklyn, NY

On-site instructor, University of Cincinnati: Fluency Disorders (Fall semester, 2018)

ACTIVE LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

License, Speech-Language Pathologist, Tennessee Department of Health, 2021 – present (#7374)

License, Speech-Language Pathologist, New York State Education Department, 2015 – present (#024488)

Certificate of Clinical Competence, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2013 – present (#14037220)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

World Stuttering & Cluttering Organization

Research and Publication Committee (2023 – present)

Junior Researcher Network leader (2023 – present), member (2021 – present)

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2010 – present

Special Interest Groups, #4: Fluency & Fluency Disorders (2015 – present),

#20: Counseling (2022 – present)

CLINICAL EMPLOYMENT

- 2015 – 2020 Speech-Language Pathologist, SAY: The Stuttering Association for the Young, New York, NY
- 2013 – 2015 Clinical Fellow and Speech-Language Pathologist, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA
- 2012 – 2013 Teaching Artist, SAY: The Stuttering Association for the Young, New York, NY [volunteer position while seeking clinical fellowship after MS-SLP graduation]

MEDIA APPEARANCES

- Marshall, A. (2024, July 3). *This summer camp aims to be a space for kids with stutters to be themselves* [radio broadcast]. National Public Radio. <https://www.npr.org/2024/05/30/nx-s1-4985891/this-summer-camp-aims-to-be-a-space-for-kids-with-stutters-to-be-themselves>
- Marshall, A. (2024, June 10). *How this camp for kids who stutter builds confidence and connections* [radio broadcast]. Nashville Public Radio. <https://wpln.org/post/how-this-camp-for-kids-who-stutter-builds-confidence-and-connections/>
- Gielen, R. (director, 2021). *My Beautiful Stutter* [documentary film]. Discovery+, Amazon Prime.