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## Academic Positions

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- 2023- **Assistant Professor**  
University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Houston  
School of Public Health  
Department of Management, Policy & Community Health
- 2021-2023 **Assistant Professor**  
University of North Texas  
Department of Kinesiology, Health Promotion, and Recreation
- 2018-2021 **Postdoctoral Fellow**  
University of Alabama at Birmingham  
Department of Physical Therapy

## Education

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- 2018 Ph.D., Kinesiology, University of Houston  
2013 B.S., Psychology, Northeastern University

## Awards and Honors

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- 2023 University of North Texas College of Education Junior Faculty Research Award  
2021 University of North Texas Washington DC Fellows Cohort  
2021 University of North Texas Mean Green Faculty/Staff Spotlight  
2019 University of Alabama at Birmingham Postdoctoral Education 3 Minute Data Blitz Competition 3rd Place  
2019 University of Alabama at Birmingham Postdoctoral Education Oral Presentation 2nd Place  
2018 Spinal Cord Injury ISIG Best Poster, American College of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Conference  
2018 University of Alabama at Birmingham Postdoctoral Education Travel Grant  
2017 University of Houston Elevator Speech Competition  
2016 University of Houston Cullen Travel Award  
2015 University of Houston Elevator Speech Competition

## Publications

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\*denotes paper on which students are authors/coauthors

### Peer Reviewed Journals

1. Flores VA, **Silveira SL**, Marquez DX, Kinnett-Hopkins D, Miravalle A, Sierra-Morales F, Hernández-Peraza Z, Motl RW. Feasibility and Preliminary Outcomes of a Remotely Delivered Exercise Training Intervention for English-Speaking Hispanics/Latinos with Multiple Sclerosis: Results from the FERLA MS Study. *Multiple Sclerosis Journal: Experimental, Translational and Clinical*. (Accepted)  
Impact Factor: 2.30 Scimago: Q2 Neurology
2. **Silveira SL**, \*Piasecki AJ, Motl RW, Froehlich-Grobe K. Feasibility, acceptability, and initial efficacy of a wheelchair exercise training program in persons with multiple sclerosis. *International Journal of MS Care*. (Accepted)  
Impact Factor: 0.54 Scimago: Q2 Advanced and Specialized Nursing
3. **Silveira SL**, Deemer SE, Synkowski EC. Feasibility, acceptability, and preliminary efficacy of an online diet intervention for promoting fruit and vegetable intake among persons with multiple sclerosis. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*. (In Press). doi: 10.1016/j.jneb.2025.06.009  
Impact Factor: 2.30 Scimago: Q2 Nutrition and Dietetics
4. Oyesanya T, Faieta J, **Silveira SL**, Cogan A, Pappadis M, Ahonle Z, Backus D, Kolakowsky-Hayner S, Roberts P. Development and Satisfaction of a Mentoring-Match Algorithm. *Mentoring & Tutoring: Partnership in Learning*. (In Press). doi: 10.1080/13611267.2025.2519908  
Impact Factor: 1.80 Scimago: Q2 Education
5. Pilutti L, **Silveira SL**, Herring M, Jeng B, Edwards T, Cederberg KLJ, Fournier K, Motl RW. Multiple sclerosis is associated with worse body composition across compartments: Results from a systematic review and meta-analysis. *Multiple Sclerosis and Related Disorders*. (In Press). doi: 10.1016/j.msard.2025.106553  
Impact Factor: 2.90 Scimago: Q1 Medicine
6. Flores VA, **Silveira SL**, Marquez DX, Kinnett-Hopkins D, Miravalle A, Sierra-Morales F, Hernandez-Peraza Z, Motl RW. Rationale for a 4-month, parallel-group, randomized controlled trial to assess the Feasibility and Efficacy of a Remotely delivered exercise training intervention for Hispanics/Latinos with Multiple Sclerosis (FERLA MS). *Pilot and Feasibility Studies*. 11(62); 2025. doi: 10.1186/s40814-025-01641-5  
Impact Factor: 1.50 Scimago: Q2 Medicine (miscellaneous)
7. **Silveira SL**, Motl RM, \*Ontiveros T, Flores V. A Qualitative Inquiry of Exercise Preferences Among Hispanic Adults with Multiple Sclerosis. *American Journal of Lifestyle Medicine*. doi: 10.1177/15598276251334360  
Impact Factor: 1.50 Scimago: Q2 Public Health, Environmental and Occupational Health
8. Kidwell-Chandler A, Jackson J, Jeng B, **Silveira SL**, Pilutti LA, Hibbing PR, Motl RW. Body Composition and its Outcomes and Management in Multiple Sclerosis. *Nutrients*. 17(6): 1021; 2025. doi: 10.3390/nu17061021  
Impact Factor: 5.72 Scimago: Q1 Nutrition and Dietetics

9. **Silveira SL**, Jeng B, Gower BA, Motl RW. Correlates of inaccuracy in reporting of energy intake among persons with multiple sclerosis. *Nutrients*. 17(3):438; 2025. doi: 10.3390/nu17030438  
Impact Factor: 5.72 Scimago: Q1 Nutrition and Dietetics
10. \*Kolb D, Deemer SE, Synkowski EC, **Silveira SL**. Randomized Pilot Study Examining an Online Diet Intervention to Increase Intake of Fruits and Vegetables Among Healthy Adults. *International Journal of Exercise Science*, 17(2): 2024. doi: 10.70252/SAET2553  
Impact Factor: 0.88 Scimago: Q2 Physical Therapy, Sports Therapy and Rehabilitation
11. **Silveira SL**, Beyboun H, Tsai J. Association of multiple sclerosis with psychiatric disorders and homelessness among veterans in the United States Department of Veterans Affairs healthcare system. *CNS Spectrums* (In Press). doi: 10.1017/S1092852924002165  
Impact Factor: 3.40 Scimago: Q2 Neurology
12. **Silveira SL**, Kidwell-Chandler A, Huynh TLT, Cederberg KLJ, Jeng B, Sikes EM, Motl RW. Randomized controlled trial of the behavioral intervention for increasing physical activity in multiple sclerosis project: Fidelity monitoring and outcomes. *Behavioral Medicine*, 51(2): 128-135; 2024. doi: 10.1080/08964289.2024.2398414  
Impact Factor: 3.70 Scimago: Q2 Applied Psychology
13. **Silveira SL**, Motl RW, Elmer D, \*Ontiveros TS, \*Botkin T, \*Williams S, Hubbard EA. Results of a feasibility and initial efficacy clinical trial of a high-intensity interval training program using adaptive equipment in persons with multiple sclerosis who have walking disability. *Multiple Sclerosis and Related Disorders* (In Press). doi: 10.1016/j.msard.2024.105695  
Impact Factor: 4.81 Scimago: Q1 Medicine
14. **Silveira SL**, Motl RW, Froehlich-Grobe K, \*Kay M. Feasibility and initial efficacy of a wheelchair exercise training program in persons with multiple sclerosis: study protocol for a parallel group randomized controlled trial. *Disability and Rehabilitation Assistive Technology*, 19(8): 2998-3005; 2024. doi: 10.1080/17483107.2024.2332322  
Impact Factor: 2.20 Scimago: Q2 Rehabilitation
15. Nery-Hurwit M, Berri M, **Silveira SL**, Fyffe D, Robinson-Whelen S, Wilson CS, Taylor H, Kalpakjian CZ. A Scoping Review of Literature on Sexual Health and Wellness in Women with Spinal Cord Injury. *Sexuality and Disability*, 42:17-33; 2024, doi:10.1007/s11195-024-09834-1  
Impact Factor: 1.50 Scimago: Q1 Rehabilitation
16. **Silveira SL**, Motl RW, Sandroff BM, Pilutti LA, Cutter GR. Randomized Controlled Trial of the Behavioral Intervention for Physical Activity in Multiple Sclerosis Project: Response Heterogeneity and Predictors of Change. *International Journal of Behavioral Medicine* (In Press). doi: 10.1007/s12529-024-10265-7. PMID: 38326673  
Impact Factor: 2.70 Scimago: Q2 Applied Psychology
17. **Silveira SL**, Motl RW, Salter A, Marquez DX. Social cognitive theory variables as correlates of physical activity behavior among Hispanics with multiple sclerosis. *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation* (In Press). doi: 10.1016/j.apmr.2024.01.009. PMID: 38281577  
Impact Factor: 4.30 Scimago: Q1 Rehabilitation

18. Samper-Ternent R, **Silveira SL**, Stevens A, Volpi E, Naik AD. Considerations When Designing and Implementing Pragmatic Clinical Trials That Include Older Hispanics. *Ethnicity and Disease*, 33 (2-3): 76–83, 2023, doi: 10.18865/ed.33.2-3.076. Impact Factor: 2.01 Scimago: Q1 Medicine (misc)
19. Huynh T, **Silveira SL**, Motl RW. Physical Activity and Quality of Life in Persons Newly Diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, 104(11):1820-1826; 2023, doi: 10.1016/j.apmr.2023.04.004. PMID: 37119953 Impact Factor: 4.06 Scimago: Q1 Rehabilitation
20. **Silveira SL**, Froehlich-Grobe K, Motl RW. Formative evaluation of a proposed exercise training program for persons with multiple sclerosis who are wheelchair users. *Evaluation and Program Planning*, 97:102243; 2023, doi: 10.1016/j.evalprogplan.2023.102243. PMID: 36696872 Impact Factor: 1.89 Scimago: Q2 Public Health, Environmental and Occupational Health
21. **Silveira SL**, Jeng B, Cutter G, Motl RW. Diet, Physical Activity, and Stress Among Wheelchair Users with Multiple Sclerosis: Examining Individual and Co-Occurring Behavioral Risk Factors. *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, 104(4):590-596; 2023, doi: 10.1016/j.apmr.2022.12.194. PMID: 36649911 Impact Factor: 4.06 Scimago: Q1 Rehabilitation
22. Huynh T, **Silveira SL**, Motl RW. Physical Activity Behavior in Persons Newly Diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis: Applying the Capability – Opportunity – Motivation – Behavior (COM-B) Model. *Multiple Sclerosis and Related Disorders*, 69:104432; 2023, doi: 10.1016/j.msard.2022.104432. PMID: 36470170 Impact Factor: 4.81 Scimago: Q1 Medicine
23. **Silveira SL**, Motl RW, Marquez DX, Lancia S, Salter A. Physical activity as a correlate of symptoms, quality of life, comorbidity, and disability status in Hispanics with multiple sclerosis. *Disability and Health*, 16(2):101398; 2023, doi: 10.1016/j.dhjo.2022.101398. PMID: 36402726 Impact Factor: 4.62 Scimago: Q1 Medicine
24. **Silveira SL**, Motl RW, Marquez DX, Salter A. Rates and patterns of physical activity among Hispanics with multiple sclerosis in the NARCOMS Registry. *Multiple Sclerosis and Related Disorders*, 65:104018; 2022, doi: 10.1016/j.msard.2022.104018. PMID: 35810721 Impact Factor: 4.81 Scimago: Q1 Medicine
25. Huynh T, **Silveira SL**, Jeng B, Motl RW. Association of disease outcomes with physical activity in multiple sclerosis: A cross-sectional study. *Rehabilitation Psychology*, 67(3): 421-429; 2022, doi: 10.1037/rep0000454. PMID: 35834207 Impact Factor: 2.56 Scimago: Q1 Rehabilitation
26. **Silveira SL**, Jeng B, Cutter G, Motl RW. Perceptions of Physical Activity Guidelines Among Wheelchair Users with Multiple Sclerosis. *Multiple Sclerosis Journal: Experimental, Translational and Clinical*, 8(2):20552173221097580; 2022, doi: 10.1177/20552173221097580, PMID: 35634012 h5-index: 17 Scimago: Q2 Neurology
27. **Silveira SL**, de Groot S, Cowan RE. Association between individual wheelchair skills

and fitness in community-dwelling manual wheelchair users with spinal cord injuries. *Disability and Rehabilitation Assistive Technology*, 15:1-6; 2022. doi: 10.1080/17483107.2022.2061607. PMID: 35426353  
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28. **Silveira SL**, Jeng B, Cutter G, Motl RW. Diet Quality Assessment in Wheelchair Users with Multiple Sclerosis. *Nutrients*. 13(12): 4352; 2021, doi: 10.3390/nu13124352. PMID: 34959904  
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29. **Silveira SL**, Froehlich-Grobe K, Motl RW. Developing a community-engaged wheelchair exercise program for persons with MS: Community Advisory Board formation and feedback. *Disability and Rehabilitation Assistive Technology*, 10;1-8; 2021, doi: 10.1080/17483107.2021.2010819. PMID: 34892990  
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30. Jeng B, Cederberg KLJ, Huynh TL, Silic P, Jones CD, Feasel CD, Sikes EM, Baird JF, **Silveira SL**, Sasaki JE, Motl RW. Social-cognitive theory variables as correlates of physical activity in fatigued persons with multiple sclerosis. *Multiple Sclerosis and Related Disorders*, 57:103312; 2022, doi: 10.1016/j.msard.2021.103312. PMID: 35158422  
Impact Factor: 2.89 Scimago: Q1 Medicine
31. **Silveira SL**, Richardson EV, Motl RW. Desired resources for changing diet among persons with multiple sclerosis: qualitative inquiry informing future dietary interventions. *International Journal of MS Care*, 24(4):175-183; 2022, doi: 10.7224/1537-2073.2021-052. PMID: 35875458  
Impact Factor: 1.92 Scimago: Q1 Advanced and Specialized Nursing
32. Cederberg KLJ, Jeng B, Sasaki JE, Sikes EM, **Silveira SL**, Cutter G, Motl RW. Demographic, clinical, and symptomatic correlates of subjective sleep quality in adults with multiple sclerosis. *Multiple Sclerosis and Related Disorders*, 55:103204, 2021. doi: 10.1016/j.msard.2021.103204. PMID: 34392060  
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33. Sadeghi Bahmani D, **Silveira SL**, Baird JF, Motl RW. Do Internet Resources Align with Exercise Training and Physical Activity Guidelines for People with Multiple Sclerosis? *Multiple Sclerosis Journal: Experimental, Translational and Clinical*, 7(3):20552173211038035, 2021. doi: 10.1177/20552173211038035. PMID: 34616564  
h5-index: 17 Scimago: Q2 Neurology
34. Baird JF, **Silveira SL**, Motl RW. Social Cognitive Theory Variables are Stronger Correlates of Moderate-to-Vigorous Physical Activity than Light Physical Activity in Older Adults with Multiple Sclerosis. *Sport Sciences For Health*, 18:561–566, 2022, doi: 10.1007/s11332-021-00845-5.  
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35. Huynh T, **Silveira SL**, Motl RW. Systematic review of participant characteristics in theory-based behavior change interventions for physical activity in multiple sclerosis: Are we missing those with the greatest potential for lifelong benefits? *Disability and Rehabilitation*, 44(20):5784-5803; 2022, doi: 10.1080/09638288.2021.1954705. PMID: 34334057  
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37. **Silveira SL**, Jeng B, Gower BA, Motl RW. Feasibility, acceptability and preliminary validity of self-report dietary assessment in adults with multiple sclerosis: Comparison with doubly labeled water measured total energy expenditure. *Nutrients*, 13(4):1198, 2021. doi: 10.3390/nu13041198. PMID: 33916406  
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38. Cowan RE, **Silveira SL**, Helle T, Laessoe U, Gøeg KR, Bangshaab J, Motl RW. Lifestyle physical activity in manual wheelchair users – an overlooked public health opportunity. *Spinal Cord*, 60(2):190-192, 2022, doi: 10.1038/s41393-021-00729-y. PMID: 35046537  
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40. **Silveira SL**, Riemann-Lorenz K, Heesen C, Motl RW. Current and Long-Term Physical Activity Among Adults with Multiple Sclerosis in the United States: COM-B Variables as Explanatory Factor. *International Journal of Behavioral Medicine* 28:561-574, 2021. doi: 10.1007/s12529-020-09946-w. PMID: 33420718  
Impact Factor: 2.01 Scimago: Q2 Applied Psychology
41. Sandroff BM, **Silveira SL**, Baird JF, Huynh T, Motl RW. Cognitive Processing Speed Impairment Does Not Influence the Construct Validity of Six-Spot Step Test Performance in Persons with Multiple Sclerosis. *Physical Therapy Journal* 101(2): pzaa227, 2021. doi: 10.1093/ptj/pzaa227. PMID: 33373454  
Impact Factor: 3.04 Scimago: Q1 Physical Therapy, Sports Therapy and Rehabilitation
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43. **Silveira SL**, Baird JF, Motl RW. Rates, Patterns, and Correlates of Fitness Tracker Use Among Older Adults with Multiple Sclerosis. *Disability and Health Journal* 14(1):100966, 2021. doi: 10.1016/j.dhjo.2020.100966. PMID: 32811785  
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46. Baird JF, **Silveira SL**, Motl RW. Social Cognitive Theory and Physical Activity in Older Adults with Multiple Sclerosis. *International Journal of MS Care* 23(1):21-25, 2021. doi: 10.7224/1537-2073.2019-071. PMID: 33658902  
Impact Factor: 1.85 Scimago: Q1 Advanced and Specialized Nursing
47. **Silveira SL**, Motl RW. Abbreviated Neighborhood Environment Walkability scale in persons with multiple sclerosis: Initial validation of score inferences. *Journal of Transport and Health* 19:100952, 2020. doi: 10.1016/j.jth.2020.100952.  
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48. **Silveira SL**, Baird JF, Motl RW. Examining Multilevel Environmental Correlates of Physical Activity Among Older Adults with Multiple Sclerosis. *Journal of Aging and Physical Activity* 29(2):288-295, 2020. doi: 10.1123/japa.2019-0495. PMID: 33049698  
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49. **Silveira SL**, Richardson EV, Motl RW. Social Cognitive Theory as a Guide for Exercise Engagement in Persons with Multiple Sclerosis who Use Wheelchairs. *Health Education Research* 35(4):270-282, 2020. doi: 10.1093/her/cyaa013/5857275. PMID: 32535626  
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Impact Factor: 2.89 Scimago: Q1 Medicine
51. **Silveira SL**, Ledoux T, Johnston CA, Kalpakjian C, O'Connor DP, Cottingham M, McGrath R, Tate D. Differences among participants' response to a wellness intervention for individuals with spinal cord injuries. *Disability and Health* 13(1):100842, 2020. doi: 10.1016/j.dhjo.2019.100842. PMID: 31558388  
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Impact Factor: 2.61 Scimago: Q2 Public Health, Environmental and Occupational Health
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### Other Professional Publications

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2. **Silveira SL**, Cottingham M, Hernandez DC, Canales S. *Depression and Functional Status in Quadriplegic Rugby Players*. Technical report presented by the University of Houston Department of Health and Human Performance and Adaptive Athletics to the United States Quad Rugby Association, 2015.

### Manuscripts in Review

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2. Faieta J, Oyesanya T, **Silveira SL**, Cogan A, Pappadis M, Ahonle Z, Backus D, Kolakowsky-Hayner S, Roberts P. Creating a Culture of Mentorship Within Rehabilitation Medicine: Lessons Learned from a Formal Mentoring Matching Program.
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4. \*Piasecki AJ, Motl RW, Froehlich-Grobe K, **Silveira SL**. Seated Physical activity Intervention (SPIN) Randomized Controlled Trial for Wheelchair Users with Multiple Sclerosis (MS): Formative Feedback and Future Directions
5. Ware ME, Kinsey AW, \*Farley HE, **Silveira SL**, Deemer SE. Psychological Correlates of Partial and Full Physical Activity Guideline Adherence among Hispanic Adults

## Books Chapters

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1. **Silveira SL**, Motl RW. Exercise Training Among Wheelchair Users with Multiple Sclerosis: Benefits, Safety, and Prescription. In: Bennett G, Goodall E (Eds) The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Disability. Springer Nature. 2024.
2. **Silveira SL**, Richardson EV, Motl RW. Wellness intervention for persons with spinal cord injury. In: Rajendram R, Preedy V, Martin C (Eds) Cellular, Molecular, Physiological, and Behavioral Aspects of Spinal Cord Injury. Elsevier Inc. 2022.
3. Nosek MA., Robinson-Whelen S, Hughes RB, **Silveira SL**, Markley R, Ledoux TA, O'Connor DP, Lee RE, Nosek TM, the GoWoman Consortium. Response of Women with Mobility Impairments to a Group Weight Management Intervention in the Virtual World of SecondLife©. In: Hayre C, Muller D, Sherer M (Eds) Virtual Reality in Health and Rehabilitation. CRC Press, Taylor & Francis Group: Boca Raton, FL. 2020.
4. **Silveira SL**, Motl RW, Bethoux F. The Presence, Type, and Burden of Walking, Gait, and Balance Dysfunction in MS. Book Chapter for Multiple Sclerosis for the Non-Neurologist, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition. 2019.

## Grants and Contract Awards

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### External

#### *Awarded*

**Principal Investigator** (30%). Silveira SL, Marquez DX, Motl RW, Salter A, Lin J, Fernandez ME. (2025-2029), Delivery of a Culturally Tailored Exercise Training Intervention for Hispanics with Multiple Sclerosis, (\$2,825,047), National Institutes of Health, 1R01MD020352-01

**Co-Investigator** (10%). PI: Rix, (2025-2026), Implementing Cellphone Emerging Technologies for Brain Injury, (\$400,000), Toyota Way Forward Foundation

**Co-Investigator** (15%). PI: Fernandez, (2023-2026), Multiple Sclerosis Implementation Network, (\$2,944,773), Multiple Sclerosis Association of America

**Principal Investigator.** Silveira SL, (2022-2024, Renewal 2024-2026), Health Promotion through Behavioral Medicine Among Persons with Multiple Sclerosis, (\$36,495), National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Program Award, L30HD109862

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**Principal Investigator** (33%). Silveira SL, Motl RW, Froehlich-Grobe K, (2023-2025), Feasibility and initial efficacy of a wheelchair exercise-training intervention for persons with multiple sclerosis, (\$304,146), National Institutes of Health, 1R03HD107615-01A1

**Principal Investigator** (100%). Silveira SL, Motl RW, Froehlich-Grobe K, Rimmer J, (2020-2021), Development of a wheelchair exercise training program for persons with multiple sclerosis using a community-engaged research approach, (\$67,437), National Institutes of Health, 1F32 HD101214-01

**Co-Principal Investigator** (23%). Silveira SL, Motl RW, Cutter G, (2020-2021), Examining Patterns and Correlates of Wellness in Persons with Multiple Sclerosis who use Wheelchairs, (\$40,000), The Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers Pilot Awards

**Co-Principal Investigator** (5%). Silveira, SL, Hubbard EA, Motl RW, Elmer DJ, (2020-2022), Feasibility of a High-intensity Interval Training Program in Persons With Multiple Sclerosis Who Have Walking Disability, (Total: \$50,000, Subaward:\$5,012), National Multiple Sclerosis Society, PP-2207-40149- UNT Subcontract

*Under Review*

**Co-Investigator** (5%). MPI: Tsai/Tsai, A Multi-Level Community Cancer Prevention Strategy Delivered in Housing-Based Settings Serving Low-Income Adults to Reduce Cancer Risk in Harris County, Texas, (\$1,000,000), Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas

**Co-Investigator** (10%). PI: Rix, (2026-2027), Implementing Cellphone Emerging Technologies for Brain Injury Renewal PATH-TBI, (\$320,000), Toyota Way Forward Foundation

**Co-Investigator** (5%) Lee J, Lee E, Silveira SL, Avritscher E, Lyons E, Sciamanna C. (06/2026; 2027-2032), Strength on Wheels Plus: An enhanced meal delivery and exercise program to improve physical activity in homebound older adults, (\$3,437,725), National Institutes of Health

**Principal Investigator** (15%). Silveira SL, Motl RW, Salter A, Froehlich-Grobe K. (01/2026; 2026-2029), Examining the Efficacy of a Home-Based Exercise Training Intervention for Wheelchair Users with Multiple Sclerosis, (\$600,000), National Multiple Sclerosis Society RG-2512-45664

**Co-Investigator** (5%) Ware M, Keller J, Silveira SL, Motl RM, Salter A, Horton L, Tardo L. (01/2026; 2026-2029), High-intensity Interval Training Program For Improving Aerobic Capacity in Persons with Multiple Sclerosis Who Have Walking Disability: A Randomized Controlled Trial, (Subaward: \$28,410), National Multiple Sclerosis Society

**Co-Investigator** (10%) Ponzano M, Fritz N, Silveira SL. (02/2026; 2026-2031), Efficacy of an Exercise Intervention based on Prescriptive Recommendations for Persons with Multiple Sclerosis (PwMS) who are Wheelchair Users: Stage II Randomized Controlled Trial, (Subaward: \$134,315), National Institutes of Health

*Not Awarded*

**Principal Investigator.** Silveira SL, Motl RW, Fernandez ME, (2026-2027), Development and Preliminary Testing of Implementation Strategies for Integrating The Guidelines for Exercise in MS (GEMS) Approach Using Implementation Mapping, (\$35,000), Disability Health Promotion Research Center (DHPRC) Pilot & Feasibility (P&F) Program

**Principal Investigator** (30%). Silveira SL, Motl RW, Salter A, Lin J, Froehlich-Grobe K. (03/2026; 2026-2031), Randomized Controlled Trial of the Seated Physical activity INtervention (SPIN) for Adults Aging with Multiple Sclerosis, (\$3,613,237), National Institutes of Health, 1R01AG100889-01

**Co-Investigator** (5%) Lee J, Lee E, Bala B, Silveira SL, Avritscher E. (07/2025; 2026-2031), Strength on Wheels: Implementation and cost-effectiveness of a meal delivery and exercise program to improve frailty in homebound older adults, (\$2,844,485), National Institutes of Health

**Co-Investigator** (5%) Ponzano M, Fritz N, Silveira SL. (01/2026; 2026-2029), Efficacy of an Exercise Intervention based on Prescriptive Recommendations for Persons with Multiple Sclerosis (PwMS) who are Wheelchair Users: Stage II Randomized Controlled Trial, (Subaward: \$28,410), National Multiple Sclerosis Society

**Co-Investigator** (5%). Fernandez ME. (05/2025; 2026-2031), Real-Time Remote Patient Monitoring System to Detect the Progression of Clinical Disability in Real-World Settings in People with Progressive Multiple Sclerosis, (\$200,002), Multiple Sclerosis International Federation, Inc. (MSIF; Shephard Center Subcontract)

**Principal Investigator** (11%). Silveira SL, Motl RW, Salter A, Lin J, Fernandez ME. (10/2024 Scored 20<sup>th</sup> percentile; 2025-2027), Adapting and Testing a Community-Based Exercise Intervention for Hispanics with Multiple Sclerosis, (\$305,907), National Institutes of Health, 1R21MD020810-01

**Principal Investigator** (8%) Silveira SL, Cowan R, Motl RW, Salter A. (10/2024; 2025-2027), Exploring needs and resources for supporting safe wheelchair use in multiple sclerosis through the lens of community members and healthcare providers, (\$249,978), Department of Defense, MS240164

**Principal Investigator** (30%). Silveira SL, Marquez DX, Motl RW, Salter A, Lin J, Fernandez ME. (03/2024;2024-2029), Delivery of a Culturally Tailored Exercise Training Intervention for Hispanics with Multiple Sclerosis, (\$2,831,601), National Institutes of Health, 1U01DE032627-01A1

**Co-Investigator** (5%) Lee J, Lee E, Bala B, Silveira SL, Avritscher E. (06/2024; 2025-2030), Strength on Wheels: Implementation and cost-effectiveness of a meal delivery and exercise program to improve frailty in homebound older adults, (\$1,521,687), National Institutes of Health

**Co-Investigator** (20%) Sevick EM, Smith A, Bertrand RE, Nazarifar N, Bruce J, Cox CS, Zhu B, Pisaneschi F, Roh S, Giancardo L, Melin M, Wang J, Li H, Liu H, Thompson S, Rasmussen J, Chan W, Misra S, Silveira SL, Aldrich M, King PD, Litorja M, Zhao Z, Westbrook B, Narula J, Greives MR, Williams B, Fife C, Stout N, Wohlauser M. (10/2024; 2025-2029), I2Cures (Imaging and Informatics for Cures) of Lymphatic Diseases, (\$25,189,649), Advanced Research Projects Agency For Health

**Principal Investigator** (20%). Silveira SL, (03/2024; 2024-2025), Adapting a Community-Based Exercise Intervention for Hispanics with Multiple Sclerosis Across the Adult Lifespan, (\$40,000), Texas Resource Center on Minority Aging Research Pilot Award

**Principal Investigator** (21%). Silveira SL, Motl RW, Salter A, Deemer S, Horton L. (02/2023; 2023-2026), High-intensity Interval Training Program For Accelerating Functional Recovery in Persons With Multiple Sclerosis Who Have Walking Disability: A Randomized Controlled Trial, (\$726,000), National Multiple Sclerosis Society, RFA-2301-40598

**Principal Investigator** (38.5%). Silveira SL, Motl RW, Froehlich-Grobe K, Salter A, Cowan RC, Ding D, (03/2022; 2022-2027), Optimizing Exercise Adherence Among Wheelchair Users, (\$2,662,249), National Institutes of Health, 1R01 HD111030-01

**Co-Investigator (15%)**. Zhang T, Keller MJ, Silveira SL, Chu TL, Wang J, Castro DC, Robinson C, (10/2021; 2022-2027), Project HEAL: Promoting Health Equity through Active Lifestyles (HEAL) in Head Start, (\$3,436,163), National Institutes of Health, 1R01 MD017600-01

**Principal Investigator** (31.3%). Silveira SL, Marquez DX, Motl RW, Salter A, (05/2021; 2021-2025), Delivery of a Culturally Adapted Exercise Training Intervention for Hispanics with Multiple Sclerosis, (\$982,471), National Institutes of Health, 1U01 DE031534-01

**Principal Investigator**. Silveira SL (11/2019; 2020-2022), Wellness Strategies to Promote Health and Wellbeing Among Persons with Multiple Sclerosis, (\$20,000), National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Program, L30HD103076

## **Internal**

### *Awarded*

**Principal Investigator (MPI)**. Silveira SL, Shaw A, Omowale S, Naik A, Sharma S, Samper-Ternent R, (2025-2026), Community-Based Adaptation of the U.S. POINTER Lifestyle Intervention for Dementia Prevention in Older Adults with Diabetes in Texas, (\$50,000), UTHealth Houston DPRIT Pilot Awards

### *Completed*

**Principal Investigator**. Silveira SL, Kwiatkowski E, Pickering C, Ambrose CG, Chang SH, Rianon N. (2024-2026), Assessment of the Gaitmate Application for Activities of Daily Living, Gait Metrics, and Falls, (\$39,000), UTHealth Houston Age in Place Research Awards

**Principal Investigator**. Silveira SL, Motl RW, Gower BA, Mehta T, (2020-2021), Feasibility, acceptability and validity of self-report, model-predicted, and biologically measured energy intake in adults with multiple sclerosis, (\$34,915), University of Alabama at Birmingham Nutrition Obesity Research Center Pilot Award

**Principal Investigator.** Silveira SL, (2022-2023), Exercise Program Preferences and Theoretical Correlates of Exercise Behavior Among Hispanics with Multiple Sclerosis, (\$10,000), University of North Texas Research Seed Funding

*Under Review*

**Principal Investigator.** Silveira SL, Motl RW, (2026-2027), Development and Preliminary Testing of Implementation Strategies for Integrating The Guidelines for Exercise in MS (GEMS) Approach Using Implementation Mapping, (\$25,000), Institute for Implementation Science Pilot Awards

## **Invited Talks, Presentations, and Posters**

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### **Peer Reviewed Research Paper and Abstract Conference Presentations**

\*denotes presentations on which students are authors/coauthors

#### *International/National*

1. \*Black N, \*Castillo A, Motl RW, Marquez D, Flores V, Salter A, Fernandez M, Lin J, and **Silveira SL**. Adapting an Evidence-Based MS Exercise Program for Hispanic/ Latino adults with MS, American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, 2026; Oral Presentation Accepted.
2. Shaw A, **Silveira SL**, Omowale S, Sharma S, Naik A, Samper-Ternent R, Tice N, Robson M. Developing IMPACT-TX: A Community-Engaged Multidomain Lifestyle Intervention for Dementia Risk Reduction Among Older Adults with Type 2 Diabetes, American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, 2026; Abstract Waitlisted.
3. \*Neubauer M, \*Cruz Ojeda N, Qureshi F, **Silveira SL**, Ott S, McKay S, Aitken M, Rix, K. Qualitative assessment of implementing cellphone-based technologies in pediatric traumatic brain injury care, American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, 2026; Abstract Submitted.
4. Wilroy J, Han C, Vo W, **Silveira SL**, Bechtold K, Chung H. 2026 ACRM Early Career Development Course - Choosing What Matters: Strategies for Focus, Impact, and Sustainable Careers in Rehabilitation Medicine, American Congress on Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Conference, Washington, DC, 2026; Early Career Scholars Panel Member.
5. **Silveira SL**, Oyesanya T, Li CY, Faieta J, Roberts P, Williams-Brook J, Ahonle Z, Cogan A, Pappadis M, Erhlich-Jones L, Backus D. Advancing Careers Through Mentorship: Lessons Learned from a Five-year Review of the ACRM-wide Career Development Networking Group Mentoring Program, American Congress on Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Conference, Washington, DC, 2026; Symposium
6. \*Farley HE, Kinsey AW, **Silveira SL**, Deemer SE, Ware ME. Exercise Commitment and Dependence, but Not Self-Efficacy, Differentiate Physically Active Hispanic Adults. American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting and World Congress, Salt Lake City, UT, 2026; Poster Presentation.
7. **Silveira SL**. Building Exercise Solutions With, Not For, Wheelchair Users With MS: A Community-Engaged Journey to Program Development and Outcome Selection.

International Symposium on Gait and Balance in MS, Charlotte, NC, 2026; Invited Symposium Presentation.

8. **Silveira SL**, \*Piasecki AJ, Motl RM, Froehlich-Grobe K. Preliminary Efficacy of a Wheelchair Exercise Training Program for Persons with Multiple Sclerosis. Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers, Charlotte, NC, 2026; Oral Presentation.
9. Freeman L, Balasubramanian B, English AS, Gutierrez L, **Silveira SL**, Kline A, Pinnock C, Durak K, Montague A, Fernandez ME. Mapping the Multiple Sclerosis Care Journey: Integrating Lived Experience and Clinician Insight to Drive Implementation through the Multiple Sclerosis Implementation Network Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers, Charlotte, NC, 2026; Poster Presentation.
10. Qureshi F, **Silveira SL**, Aitken M, McKay S, Ott S, \*Chandler E, \*Cruz Ojeda N, \*Rogers D, \*Daugherty J, Dettmer J, Wolfkiel R, Desjardins S, Rix, K. Traumatic Brain Injuries and Mobile Phone Applications: State of Current mHealth Apps. Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research 20th Annual Meeting, Providence, RI. 2026; Poster Presentation.
11. Balasubramanian B, English AS, Gutierrez L, **Silveira SL**, Montague A, Freeman L, Fernandez ME. Developing a Community of Practice to Bridge the Research-to-Practice Gap in Multiple Sclerosis. Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation Science, National Harbor, MD, 2025; Poster Presentation.
12. **Silveira SL**, \*Piasecki AJ, Motl RM, Froehlich-Grobe K. Feasibility and Acceptability of a Wheelchair Exercise Training Program in Persons with Multiple Sclerosis. American Congress on Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, 2025; Symposium Presentation.
13. ACRM Early Career Development Course: Building Strong Teams and Effective Communication: Strategies for Career Growth in Rehabilitation Research and Clinical Practice. American Congress on Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, 2025; Early Career Scholars Panel Member.
14. Obekpa EO, **Silveira SL**, Yamal JM, Montague A, Freeman L, Blakely ML, Balasubramanian BA, Fernandez ME. Evidence-Based Health Promotion, Symptom Management, and Supportive Care Interventions for People with Multiple Sclerosis: A Scoping Review. European Committee for Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis, Barcelona, Spain, 2025; Poster Presentation.
15. Obekpa EO, Catindig JA, \*Sanchez HB, \*Padilla JR, Abaslim OR, **Silveira SL**, Balasubramanian BA, Fernandez ME. Essential Characteristics and Practices for the Successful Development and Implementation of Patient Registries: A Scoping Review. The 2024 Global Implementation Conference with NISA, Abuja, Nigeria, 2024; Poster Presentation.
16. Obekpa EO, Catindig JA, \*Sanchez HB, \*Padilla JR, Abaslim OR, **Silveira SL**, Balasubramanian BA, Fernandez ME. Barriers and Facilitators Influencing the Development, Implementation, and Sustainability of Patient Registries: A Scoping Review. The Society for Implementation Research Collaboration Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, 2024; Poster Presentation.

17. Motl RW, Pilutti LA, Jeng B, **Silveira SL**. Body Composition in Multiple Sclerosis: State of the Knowledge for Guiding Research and Clinical Practice. The Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN, 2024; Invited Symposium Presentation.
18. **Silveira SL**, Motl RW, Sandroff BM, Pilutti LA, Cutter GR. Behavioral Intervention for Physical Activity in Multiple Sclerosis Project: Response Heterogeneity and Predictors of Change. Society of Behavioral Medicine Annual Meeting, 2024, Philadelphia, PA; Poster Presentation.
19. **Silveira SL**, Motl RW, Elmer D, \*Ontiveros TS, \*Botkin T, Hubbard EA. Preliminary efficacy of a 12-week high intensity interval training program using adaptive equipment among persons with multiple sclerosis who have walking disability. The American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Meeting, 2023, Atlanta, GA; Oral Presentation.
20. Deemer SE, **Silveira SL**, Kinsey AW. The Characterization of Exercise Patterns, BMI, and Perceived Health among Hispanic Adults. American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting and World Congress, Denver, CO, 2023; Poster Presentation.
21. \*Kolb D, **Silveira SL**, Synkowski EC. Randomized Pilot Study Examining The Impact Of An Online, Non-restrictive Diet Among Working Adults. American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting and World Congress, Denver, CO, 2023; Poster Presentation.
22. **Silveira SL**, Motl RW, Backus D. Physical Activity Benefits, Guidelines, and Promotion across the Disease Spectrum in Multiple Sclerosis. The American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Meeting, 2022, Chicago, IL; Symposium Presentation.
23. **Silveira SL**, Jeng B, Cutter G, Motl RW. Diet, Physical Activity, and Stress Among Wheelchair Users with Multiple Sclerosis: Examining Behavioral Risk Factors. The American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Meeting, 2022, Chicago, IL; Poster Presentation.
24. Feasel CD, Jeng B, Sandroff BM, Cederberg KLJ, Sikes EM, Jones CD, **Silveira SL**, Baird JF, Motl RW Health-Related Quality of Life across the Lifespan in Persons with Multiple Sclerosis and Healthy Controls. The Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, 2021; Oral Presentation.
25. Jeng B, Cederberg KLJ, Huynh T, Silic P, Feasel CD, Jones CD, Sikes EM, Baird JF, **Silveira SL**, Sasaki JE, Motl RW. Social-Cognitive Correlates of Physical Activity in Fatigued and Non-Fatigued Persons with Multiple Sclerosis. The Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, 2021; Oral Presentation.
26. **Silveira SL**, Froehlich-Grobe K, Motl RW. Developing an exercise training program for wheelchair users with MS: Community Advisory Board Feedback. The American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Meeting, 2021; Virtual Poster Presentation.
27. **Silveira SL**, Huynh T, Kidwell A, Sadeghi Bahmani D, Motl RW. Behavior Change Techniques in Physical Activity Interventions for Multiple Sclerosis. Society of Behavioral Medicine Annual Meeting, 2021; Virtual Oral Presentation.

28. **Silveira SL**, Gower B, Metha T, Jeng B, Motl RW. Feasibility and acceptability of self-report and biologically measured energy intake in adults with multiple sclerosis. The American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Meeting, 2020; Virtual Poster Presentation.
29. **Silveira SL**, Motl RW. Environmental Correlates of Physical Activity in Persons with Multiple Sclerosis. The Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, 2019; Oral Presentation. doi: 10.7224/1537-2073-21.s1.1.
30. **Silveira SL**, Richardson EV, Motl RW. Qualitative Inquiry of an Exercise Program for Persons with Multiple Sclerosis Who Use Wheelchairs for Mobility. The Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, 2019; Poster Presentation. doi: 10.7224/1537-2073-21.s1.1.
31. Cederberg KLJ, Baird JF, **Silveira SL**, Jeng B, Sikes EM, Motl RW. Physical Activity, Sedentary Behavior, and Sleep Quality in Adults with Multiple Sclerosis across the Lifespan. The Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, 2019; Oral Presentation. doi: 10.7224/1537-2073-21.s1.1.
32. Jeng B, **Silveira SL**, Cederberg KLJ, Sikes EM, Sasaki JE, Motl RW. Social-Cognitive Correlates of Physical Activity across the Lifespan in Persons with Multiple Sclerosis. The Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, 2019; Poster Presentation. doi: 10.7224/1537-2073-21.s1.1.
33. Baird JF, Cederberg KLJ, Sikes EM, **Silveira SL**, Jeng B, Sasaki JE, Sandroff BM, Motl RW. Physical Activity and Walking Performance across the Lifespan in Multiple Sclerosis. The Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, 2019; Oral Presentation. doi: 10.7224/1537-2073-21.s1.1.
34. **Silveira SL**, Motl RW. Do Social Cognitive Theory Constructs Explain Response Heterogeneity with a Physical Activity Behavioral Intervention in Multiple Sclerosis? Society of Behavioral Medicine Annual Conference, Washington, DC, 2019; Poster Presentation.
35. Mercier H, Callahan C, Harness E, **Silveira SL**, Cowan R, Tefertiller C. Fitness and Wellness for Those With Spinal Cord Injury: the Role of Non-traditional Post-Rehabilitative Programs. American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX, 2018; Symposium Presentation.
36. Robinson-Whelen S, **Silveira SL**, Hughes RB, Nosek MA, Taylor HB, Ledoux T, Wenzel L, Diaz L, and the GoHealthySCI Consortium. GoHealthySCI: Primary and Secondary Outcomes of an Online Peer-facilitated Weight Management Pilot Study. American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX, 2018; Oral Presentation.
37. **Silveira SL**, Ledoux T, Johnston CA, Kalpakjian C, O'Connor DP, Cottingham M, McGrath R, Tate D. Identifying Non-Successful Participants in the Well on Wheels Holistic Wellness Intervention. American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX, 2018; Poster Presentation.
38. **Silveira SL**, Robinson-Whelen S, Taylor H. Self-Report Weight Status and Weight Loss Efforts in Spinal Cord Injury Model Systems Participants. American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, 2017; Poster Presentation.

39. Ledoux T, **Silveira SL**, Le J, Kamal H, Kung S. Investigating the feasibility and preliminary effects of Little Foodies: A health promotion program for parents of toddlers. Society of Nutrition Education and Behavior Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., 2017; Poster Presentation.
40. **Silveira SL**, Dew D, Bonner K. Workplace wellness exercises for individuals who use wheelchairs. American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, 2017; Poster Presentation.
41. **Silveira SL**, Ledoux T, Robinson-Whelen S, Hughes R, Nosek MA. Critical review of methods for classifying obesity in spinal cord injury. American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 2016; Poster Presentation.
42. **Silveira SL**, Ledoux T, Robinson-Whelen S, Hughes R, Goe R, Lee RE, O'Connor DP, Nosek T, Nosek MA. GoWoman: Nutrition in Women with Mobility Impairments Before and After the GoWoman Virtual Reality Weight Loss Program. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exposition, Denver, CO, 2016; Poster Presentation.
43. Nosek MA, Robinson-Whelen S, Hughes R, Ledoux T, Goe R, **Silveira SL**, Lee RE, O'Connor DP, Nosek T. A Virtual-Reality Weight Loss Program for Women with Mobility Limitations: Results of a Pilot Study. American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX, 2015; Poster Presentation.
44. **Silveira SL**, Ledoux T, Cottingham M, Hernandez DC. Depressive Symptoms and Functional Status in Wheelchair Rugby Athletes. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exposition, Chicago, IL, 2015; Poster Presentation.
45. **Silveira SL**, Ledoux T, Robinson-Whelen S, O'Connor DP, Hughes R, Lee RE, Nosek T, Nosek MA. (2014, May). *GoWoman: A weight loss program for women with mobility impairments*. Annual Meeting of International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity, San Diego, CA, 2014; Symposium Presentation.

#### *Regional/State*

1. \*Kolb D, **Silveira SL**, Synkowski EC. Randomized Pilot Study Examining The Impact Of An Online, Non-restrictive Diet Among Working Adults. Texas American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, Waco, TX, 2023; Poster Presentation.
2. **Silveira SL**, Coley JC. *Connecting Executive Function and Selective Induction*. Eastern Psychological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY, 2013; Poster Presentation.

#### **Invited Talks**

1. **Silveira SL**, Shaw A, Omowale S. *Healthy Brain Aging: A Recipe for a Stronger Brain*. Great Age on the Green at Discovery Green. April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026
2. **Silveira SL**, Shaw A. *Dementia Prevention Panel*. Hot Topics in Aging. March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026
3. **Silveira SL**, Samper-Ternent R. *Healthy Brain Aging*. Lone Star College- UTHealth Houston Healthy Brain Aging Conference. February 27, 2026
4. **Silveira SL**. *From Knowledge to Action: Nutrition and Behavior Change in PM&R*. UTHealth Houston Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Grand Rounds. January, 16, 2026

5. **Silveira SL.** *Staying Sharp: New Findings and the Future of Dementia Prevention.* UTHealth Houston Institute on Aging World Alzheimer’s Day Lecture. September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025
6. **Silveira SL.** *Implementation Science in Rehabilitation Research.* UTHealth Houston Institute for Stroke and Cerebrovascular Disease Lunch and Learn Seminar. May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

### News/Media Contributions

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- 2026 The Motivator, Multiple Sclerosis Association of America, Enhanced Wellness – Healthy Strategies for People with MS  
<https://mymsaa.org/publications/motivator/winter-spring26/cover-story-enhanced-wellness/>
- 2024 KPRC2 Houston, Warning for Houston residents with chronic conditions in sweltering heat <https://www.click2houston.com/news/local/2024/07/12/warning-for-houston-residents-with-chronic-conditions-in-sweltering-heat/>
- 2024 Fifty Plus, Let’s talk about exercise. <https://www.iheart.com/podcast/1248-fifty-plus-52808599/episode/lets-talk-about-exercise-157368591/>
- 2020 Momentum Magazine, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, People with mobility issues can benefit from exercise, too.  
[https://momentummagazineonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/NMS-034\\_Summer2020.pdf](https://momentummagazineonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/NMS-034_Summer2020.pdf)

### Teaching

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#### UTHealth Houston

##### *Masters of Public Health*

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PHWM3996, Capstone for MPCH	Spring, 2026	7	4.7/5
PHD3731L, Reasech Design Inqu	Fall, 2025	23	3.8/5
PHM3620L, Princip & Pract of PH	Summer, 2025	9	N/A
PHD3625L, Prac-Based Methods	Fall, 2024	13	4.0/5
PHWM3996, Capstone for MPCH	Spring, 2024	48	4.0/5

#### University of North Texas

##### *Graduate*

<i>Course Prefix, #, Title</i>	<i>Semester, Year</i>	<i># of Students</i>	<i>Student Rating</i>
KINE5459.001, IMPL HEALTH FIT	Fall, 2021	20	4.7/5

##### *Undergraduate*

<i>Course Prefix, #, Title</i>	<i>Semester, Year</i>	<i># of Students</i>	<i>Student Rating</i>
HLTH4600.001, BHVR CHG STRAT	Spring, 2023	55	4.5/5
HLTH2100.001, MENTAL HEALTH	Spring, 2023	21	4.3/5
KINE3030.801, FOND SPORT NUT	Spring, 2023	29	4.9/5
HLTH2200.900, HUMAN SEXUA	Summer, 2022	40	4.7/5
KINE3030.900, FOND SPORT NUT	Spring, 2022	198	4.6/5
HLTH1900.800, PRIN OF HEALTH	Spring, 2022	21	4.4/5

HLTH4600.001, BHVR CHG STRAT Fall, 2021	70	4.6/5
HLTH4600.002, BHVR CHG STRAT Summer, 2021	17	4.5/5
HLTH2200.900, HUMAN SEXUA Summer, 2021	54	4.7/5
HLTH4600.001, BHVR CHG STRAT Spring, 2021	29	4.6/5
HLTH4600.002, BHVR CHG STRAT Spring, 2021	30	4.9/5

### **Guest Lectures and Facilitations**

2025	UTHealth Houston Institute for Implementation Science Annual Workshop. Co-Facilitator
2025	Texas Implementation Science Hub. Quality Improvement & Evaluation Workshop: <i>Taking Rapid StART Programs to the Next Level</i> . Community Group Facilitator
2025	UTHealth Houston School of Public Health PH 5400 Physical Activity Assessment & Surveillance: <i>Physical Activity Measurement and Surveillance Among Person's with Physical Disabilities</i> . Guest Lecture
2025	UTHealth Houston Cizik School of Nursing NURS 7554 Research Forums: <i>Community Engaged Research Methods for Developing and Optimizing Behavior Change Interventions for Persons With Multiple Sclerosis</i> . Guest Lecture
2023	UTHealth Houston School of Public Health PHW 5102: Health Disparities Core Seminar: <i>Health Disparities Among Persons with Disabilities</i> . Guest Lecture

### **Advising**

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#### **Doctoral Dissertation Committees**

2024-2026	Petra Silic, External Committee Member (UIC)
2024-2026	Jenny Rowland, Committee Chair (UTHealth Houston)
2024-2025	Martha Gonzalez, Committee Member (UTHealth Houston)

#### **Doctor of Public Health Advisees, UTHealth Houston**

2025-	Riya Mehta (MPACH-CHP)
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#### **Masters of Public Health Advisees, UTHealth Houston**

2025-	Alana Eaglin (MPACH-CHP)
2025-	Christopher Guerrero (MPACH-CHP)
2025-	Makaila Brison (MPACH-CHP)
2025-	Aina Amedu (MPACH-CHP)
2025-	Maurita Adam (MPACH-CHP)
2025-	Emaan UI Haque (MPACH-CHP)
2024-2025	Susan Pietropaolo (MPACH-CHP)
2024-2025	Rhea Vikas (MPACH-CHP)
2023-2025	Masroor Habeeb (MPACH-CHP)
2023-2024	Olivia Harding (MPACH-CHP)
2023-2024	Maia Williams (MPACH-CHP)

#### **Masters of Public Health Integrative Learning Experience, UTHealth Houston**

2025	Rhea Vikas
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#### **Masters of Public Health Practicum, UTHealth Houston**

2024-2025	Ruth Yanes Bengoa
2024	Rhea Vikas

### **Masters Culminating Research Experience, University of North Texas**

2022-2023 Primary Mentor, Tania Ontiveros  
2022-2023 Primary Mentor, Stephanie Chalfant  
2022 Primary Mentor, Nathan Roach  
2022 Primary Mentor, Peter Osimen  
2022 Primary Mentor, Ben Smith  
2022 Primary Mentor, Devin Maxfield  
2022 Secondary Mentor, Matthew Mitchell  
2021-2022 Primary Mentor, Trey Botkin  
2021-2022 Primary Mentor, Grant Catus

### **Undergraduate Honors Thesis, University of North Texas**

2022-2023 Committee Chair, Diana Kolb

### **Independent Study**

2022-2023 Primary Mentor, Sydney Williams (UNT)  
2022-2023 Primary Mentor, Lauren Hendrickson (UNT)  
2021 Primary Mentor, Diana Kolb (UNT)

### **Service**

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#### **Editor & Editorial Board**

2022-2023 Guest Editor: *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*:  
Special Issue, "Health Behavior Change and Mental Health among Persons with  
Chronic Disabling Conditions"

#### **Reviewer**

##### Grant Reviewer and Other Service to Government Organizations

2026- National Institutes of Health, Standing Member, Lifestyle Change and Behavioral  
Health Study Section  
2026 National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Ad Hoc Member, Clinical, Translational &  
Rehabilitation - Committee D  
2025- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Standing Member, RRD2 Musculoskeletal  
Health & Function Merit Review Board  
2025 National Institutes of Health, Ad Hoc Member, Lifestyle Change and Behavioral  
Health Study Section  
2024 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Ad Hoc Member, RRD2 Musculoskeletal  
Health & Function Merit Review Board  
2024 National Institutes of Health, Ad Hoc Member, Lifestyle Change and Behavioral  
Health Study Section  
2023 National Institutes of Health, Early Career Reviewer, Lifestyle Change and  
Behavioral Health Study Section  
2022 National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research  
Development and Field Initiated Award Reviewer  
2022 National Multiple Sclerosis Society UK, Research Grant Reviewer  
2022 Department of Defense Multiple Sclerosis Research Program, Research Grant  
Reviewer

Journal Referee: *Sports Medicine, Spinal Cord Journal, American Journal Health Behavior*

*Topics in SCI Rehabilitation, Multiple Sclerosis Journal–Experimental and Translational, Clinical, Qualitative Research in Sport, Exercise and Health, Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research, Annals of Behavioral Medicine, Disability and Rehabilitation Assistive Technology, International Journal of MS Care, International Journal of Behavioral Medicine, Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly, Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Disability and Health Journal, Brain and Behavior, Contemporary Clinical Trials, Multiple Sclerosis and Related Disorders, Current Psychology, BMJ Open, American Journal of Health Promotion, Contemporary Clinical Trials Communications, Journal of Participatory Research Methods, Journal of Clinical Neuroscience, Disability and Rehabilitation, Translational Journal of the American College of Sports Medicine*

Conference Abstract Reviewer: *American College of Rehabilitation Medicine  
American Public Health Association, Consortium of MS Centers*

Poster Awards Judge: *American College of Rehabilitation Medicine*

**Offices and Committee Assignments in Professional Organizations**

2025- Chair Elect: Career Development Networking Group Executive Committee, American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine  
 2024- Member: Career Development Networking Group Leadership Development Course Task Force, American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine  
 2022- Co-Chair: Career Development Networking Group Mentoring Task Force (Member since 2020), American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine  
 2020- Member: Career Development Networking Group Early Career Development Course Task Force, American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine  
 2022-2023 Secretary: Career Development Networking Group Executive Committee, American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine  
 2016-2018 Co-Chair: Women with SCI Task Force, American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine

**Local Community Leadership**

2023- Neuro Fitness Foundation, Board Member

**School of Public Health Service**

2025-	Admissions Committee	Department Representative
2025	Faculty Council	Department Representative

**Departmental Service**

2025-	MPACH Scholarship Committee	Member
2023-2025	MPACH Collaboration Series Planning Committee	Member
2022	Faculty Search Committee: TT Assistant Professor	Member
2021	Faculty Search Committee: TT Assistant Professor	Member
2021	KHPR HLTH Curriculum Committee	Member
2021-2022	PhD Application Steering Committee	Member
2021-2023	KHPR Undergraduate Curriculum Committee	Member

**Professional Memberships**

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2025- Member, UTHealth Houston Institute on Aging  
 2023- Member, Texas Physical Activity Research Collaborative  
 2023- Member, UTHealth Houston Institute for Implementation Science  
 2019- Member, Society of Behavioral Medicine

2017 Member, American College of Sports Medicine  
 2016- Member, American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine  
 2015-2017 Member, American Public Health Association  
 2013 Member, International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity

**Other Training Activities**

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2025 NIDDK Clinical Methods for Nutrition and Obesity Research Course (R25DK137743)  
 2025 UTHealth Institute for Implementation Science: Implementation Mapping: Using Intervention Mapping to Plan Implementation Strategies  
 2025 UTHealth Houston Grants 201, PI Leadership  
 2024 ORBIT Institute: Developing Behavioral Treatments to Improve Health (NIH Funded (R25CA244065-01A1))  
 2023 UTHealth Houston Grants 101  
 2023 UTHealth Houston Institute for Implementaton Science Training Workshop Series  
 2022 Promoting Inclusive Excellence in Career Development for SDoH and Implementation Research Workshop, Panelist (NIH- National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute)  
 2022 Training in Grantsmanship for Rehabilitation Research Workshop (NIH Funded 2R25HD074546-07)  
 2021 Grantsmanship Training Workshop (UNT)  
 2021-2023 Faculty Success Mentoring Program (UNT)

**Credentials**

2021-2023 Bloodborne Pathogen Safety Training (UNT)  
 2021-2023 BSL1 and BSL2 Biosafety Training (UNT)  
 2019- Neurostatus Expanded Disability Status Scale (Level C)  
 2016- DEXA and Radition Safety Training  
 2015- Responsible Conduct of Research Training  
 2011- Biomedical/Clinical Research Training, Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI)  
 2011- Social/Behavioral/Epidemiological Research Training, Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI)  
 2023- Good Clinical Practice, Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI)