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Education

- 2016-present Ph.D., Social/Personality Psychology (expected June 2022)
University of California, Riverside
Advisor: Kate Sweeny, PhD
Specializations in *Health & Well-being* and *Diversity & Inequality* subfields
Dissertation: *“Parental Attitudes Toward Children’s Involvement in Pediatric Care”*
- 2018 M.A., Social/Personality Psychology
University of California, Riverside
Advisor: Kate Sweeny, PhD
Thesis: *“Correlates of Physicians’ and Patients’ Language Use During Surgical Consultations”*
- 2016 B.S., Psychology, *Magna Cum Laude* with University Honors
University of California, Riverside (UCR)

Fellowships and Grant Funding

- 2021 Federal ARP Act Grant
2020 Federal CARES Act Grant
2018-2019 Seed Grant (Trainee; UCRFS Fund 86902), City of Hope
2016-2017 Eugene Cota-Robles Award Fellowship (\$25,000), UCR
2015-2016 Chancellor’s Research Fellowship (\$5,000), UCR

Scholarships, Honors, and Awards

- 2021 Psychology Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Newsletter Student
Spotlight, Volume 1: Issue 4 (January), UCR
- 2019 R’Pillars Staff & Faculty Appreciation Award, UCR
- 2019 Meritorious Student Award, Society of Behavioral Medicine (SBM)
- 2018 Diversity Fund Graduate Travel Award (\$500), SPSP
- 2018 Graduate Travel Award (\$500), SPSP
- 2016 Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research & Creative
Achievement, UCR
- 2016 Chancellor’s Academic Achievement Award in Psychology, UCR
- 2016 Highly Commended Entrant, The Undergraduate Awards
- 2015-2016 University Honors Scholarship (\$1,500), UCR

2015 Inducted to Phi Beta Kappa, Iota Chapter, UCR
 2014-2015 University Honors Program Enrichment Scholarship (\$2,000), UCR
 2014 Mentoring Summer Research Internship Program (\$3,000), UCR

Teaching and Research Experience

Teaching Evaluations available upon request.

Instructor

Healthcare Communication (PSYC 049)
 University of California, Riverside
 2021 – Fall

Industrial/Organizational Psychology (PSYC 142)
 University of California, Riverside
 2021 – Summer (Session B)

Science of Well-being (PSYC 149)
 University of California, Riverside
 2021 – Spring

Health and Behavior Change (PSYC 179)
 University of California, Riverside
 2020 – Winter
 2019 – Spring; Summer (Session A)

Health Psychology (PSYC 178)
 University of California, Riverside
 2020 – Fall
 2019 – Summer (Session B)

Teaching Assistant

Health Psychology (PSYC 178)
 University of California, Riverside
 2022 – Winter (*Instructor: Kathleen Connor, M.A.*)
 2019 – Fall (*Instructor: Kyla Rankin, Ph.D.*)
 2018 – Fall (*Instructor: Kristen Rudd, Ph.D.*)
 2017 – Fall (*Instructor: Angelica Falkenstein, Ph.D.*)

Social Psychology (PSYC 140)
 University of California, Riverside
 2021 – Winter (*Instructor: Brent Hughes, Ph.D.*)
 2019 – Winter (*Instructor: Kate Sweeny, Ph.D.*)

Psychological Methods: Research Procedures (PSYC 012)
 University of California, Riverside
 2020 – Spring (*Instructor: Jimmy Calanchini, Ph.D.*)
 2018 – Winter (*Instructor: Kate Sweeny, Ph.D.*)

Personality (PSYC 150)

- University of California, Riverside
2018 – Fall (*Instructor: David Funder, Ph.D.*)
- Research Fellow *UCR Chancellor's Research Fellowship Program*
University of California, Riverside
2016 (*Mentor: Kate Sweeny, Ph.D.*)
- Lab Manager *UCR Life Events Lab*
University of California, Riverside
2014 – 2016 (*PI: Kate Sweeny, Ph.D.*)
- Research Intern *UCR Mentoring Summer Research Internship Program (MSRIP)*
University of California, Riverside
2014 (*Mentor: Kate Sweeny, Ph.D.*)
- Research Assistant *UCR Leadership and Group Dynamics Lab*
University of California, Riverside
2014 – 2016 (*PI: Thomas Sy, Ph.D.*)
- UCR Riverside Audiovisual Speech and Audition Lab*
University of California, Riverside
2013 – 2014 (*PI: Lawrence Rosenblum, Ph.D.*)

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Tran, B. Q.**, Mendoza, M. M., Saini, S. K., & Sweeny, K. (2022). Let the kid speak: Exploring the dynamics of triadic medical interactions involving pediatric patients. *Health Communication*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10410236.2022.2031450>
- Sweeny, K., **Tran, B. Q.**, Loyola Ramirez, M. D. (2021). Religiosity as a predictor of worry during stressful periods of uncertainty. *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*. <https://doi.org/10.1037/rel0000413>
- Tran, B. Q.** (2020). Strategies for effective patient care: Integrating quality communication with the patient-centered approach. *Social and Personality Psychology Compass*, e12574. <https://doi.org/10.1111/spc3.12574>
- Tran, B. Q.**, & Sweeny, K. (2020). Correlates of physicians' and patients' language use during surgical consultations. *Health Communication*, 35, 1248-1255. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10410236.2019.1625001>
- Falkenstein, A., **Tran, B.**, Ludi, D., Molkara, A., Nguyen, H., Tabuenca, A., & Sweeny, K. (2016). Characteristics and correlates of word use in physician-patient communication. *Annals of Behavioral Medicine*, 50, 664-677. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12160-016-9792-x>

Book Chapters

Tran, B. Q., & Sweeny, K. (2017). Expectancy (Rotter). In V. Zeigler-Hill & T. Shackelford (Eds.), *The encyclopedia of personality and individual differences*. Springer.
https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-28099-8_1794-1

Other Publications

Tran, B. Q., Mendoza, M. M., Saini, S. K., & Sweeny, K. (2021). Let the kid speak: Exploring the dynamics of triadic medical interactions involving pediatric patients. *Annals of Behavioral Medicine*, 55, S293-S293.

Saini, S. K., Mendoza, M., **Tran, B.,** & Sweeny, K. (2020). Allow children to speak up for their own healthcare. *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology*, 145, AB245.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jaci.2019.12.153>

Tran, B., Falkenstein, A., & Sweeny, K. (2015). Pronoun usage by doctors and patients in surgical consultations. *University of California, Riverside: Undergraduate Research Journal*, 9, 131-136.

Manuscripts Under Review and In Preparation

**undergraduate co-author*

Tran, B. Q., & Sweeny, K. (in revision). Confronting cancer: A qualitative analysis of distress at a breast biopsy appointment.

Tran, B. Q., *Rosales, S. A., & Sweeny, K. (in prep). Communicating effectively: Exploring patient empowerment in surgical consultations.

Tran, B. Q., Loscalzo, M., Clark, K. L., & Sweeny, K. (in prep). Patient affective concerns and preferences for information during cancer care visits.

Talks and Symposia

†Virtual due to COVID-19

Tran, B. Q., Mendoza, M. M., Saini, S. K., & Sweeny, K. (2021, April). *Let the kid speak: Exploring the dynamics of triadic medical interactions involving pediatric patients*. Annual Meeting for the Society of Behavioral Medicine (SBM); Webinar[†].

Tran, B. Q., Loscalzo, M., Clark, K., & Sweeny, K. (2021, February). *Affective concerns and desires for support at cancer-related healthcare visits*, Annual Convention for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP): Health Preconference; Webinar[†].

Tran, B. Q., Mendoza, M. M., Saini, S. K., & Sweeny, K. (2020, December). *An exploration of triadic medical interactions involving pediatric patients with asthma*. Dissertation Proposal presented at the UCR Psychology Social-Personality Weekly Department Meeting; Riverside, CA; Webinar[†].

- Tran, B. Q.,** & Sweeny, K. (2020, February). *Why worry? Exploring the benefits of worry reappraisal during periods of uncertainty*. Annual Convention for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP); New Orleans, LA.
- Tran, B. Q.,** & Sweeny, K. (2019, March). *Confronting cancer: A qualitative analysis of distress at a breast biopsy appointment*. Annual Meeting for the Society of Behavioral Medicine (SBM); Washington, DC.
- Tran, B. Q.** (2019, February). *Confronting the prospect of cancer: Beyond the diagnosis*. University of California “Grad Slam” Competition; Riverside, CA.
- Tran, B. Q.,** Dooley, M. D., Ramirez Loyola, M. D., Andrews, S. E., & Sweeny, K. (2018, March). *The role of religiosity in coping with uncertain waiting periods*. Meeting for the American Psychological Association (APA) Division 36: Society for the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality (SPRS); Riverside, CA.
- Tran, B.,** & Sweeny, K. (2016, April). *Correlates of medical jargon use during surgical consultations*. UCR Undergraduate Research Symposium; Riverside, CA.
- Tran, B.,** Falkenstein, A., & Sweeny, K. (2015, April). *Pronoun usage by doctors and patients in surgical consultations*. UCR Undergraduate Research Symposium; Riverside, CA.
- Tran, B.,** Falkenstein, A., & Sweeny, K. (2014, August). *Pronoun usage by doctors and patients in surgical consultations*. UCR Mentoring Summer Research Internship Program (MSRIP) Symposium; Riverside, CA.

Poster Presentations

*undergraduate co-author; †Conference cancelled due to COVID-19

- *Lo, N., **Tran, B. Q.,** Medina-Schwartz, J., & Sweny, K. (2022, February). *Confronting Cancer: Exploring Latina Women’s Experiences Awaiting a Breast Biopsy*. Poster accepted for presentation at the Annual Convention for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP): Health Preconference; San Francisco, CA.
- Tran, B. Q.,** & Sweeny, K. (2020, April). *Affective concerns and desire for support at cancer-related healthcare visits*. †Annual Meeting for the Society of Behavioral Medicine (SBM); San Francisco, CA.
- *Rosales, S. A., **Tran, B. Q.,** & Sweeny, K. (2020, April). *Communicating effectively: Exploring patient empowerment in surgical consultations*. †Annual Meeting for the Society of Behavioral Medicine (SBM); San Francisco, CA.
- *Mendoza, M., **Tran, B.,** Sweeny, K., & Saini, S. K. (2020, March). *Allow children to speak up for their own healthcare*. †Annual Meeting for the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology (AAAAI); Philadelphia, PA.

- Tran, B. Q.,** *Mendoza, M. M., Saini, S. K., & Sweeny, K. (2020, February). *Let the kid speak: Exploring the dynamics of triadic medical interactions involving pediatric patients*. Annual Convention for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP); New Orleans, LA.
- Tran, B. Q.,** *Phalavisay, K., Loscalzo, M., Clark, K., & Sweeny, K. (2019, November). *Patient affective concerns and preferences for information during cancer care visits*. UCR International Education Week (IEW) Graduate Research Symposium; Riverside, CA.
- Tran, B. Q.,** *Rosales, S. A., & Sweeny, K. (2019, September). *Communicating effectively: Exploring patient empowerment in surgical consultations*. UCR International Student Organization (ISO) Graduate Research Symposium; Riverside, CA.
- *Rosales, S. A., **Tran, B. Q.,** & Sweeny, K. (2019, August). *Communicating effectively: Exploring patient empowerment in surgical consultations*. UCR Mentoring Summer Research Internship Program (MSRIP) Symposium; Riverside, CA.
- *Mendoza, M. M., **Tran, B. Q.,** & Sweeny, K. (2019, May). *Let the kid speak: Exploring the dynamics of triadic medical interactions involving pediatric patients*. Annual Convention for the Association for Psychological Science (APS); Washington, DC.
- *Mendoza, M. M., **Tran, B. Q.,** & Sweeny, K. (2019, February). *Let the kid speak: Exploring the dynamics of triadic medical interactions involving pediatric patients*. UCR Prospective Graduate Student Poster Session; Riverside, CA.
- Tran, B. Q.,** & Sweeny, K. (2019, February). *Correlates of patients' & physicians' communication style during surgical consultations*. Annual Convention for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP); Portland, OR.
- Tran, B. Q.,** & Sweeny, K. (2019, February). *Confronting cancer: A qualitative analysis of distress at a breast biopsy appointment*. Annual Convention for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP): Health Preconference; Portland, OR.
- *Tamez, H., **Tran, B.,** & Sweeny, K. (2018, May). *Confronting the possibility of cancer: A qualitative analysis of distress at a biopsy appointment*. UCR Undergraduate Research Symposium; Riverside, CA.
- Tran, B. Q.,** Dooley, M. D., Ramirez Loyola, M. D., Andrews, S. E., & Sweeny, K. (2018, March). *The role of religiosity in coping with uncertain waiting periods*. Annual Convention for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP); Atlanta, GA.
- Tran, B. Q.,** & Sweeny, K. (2018, March). *Correlates of patients' and physicians' communication styles during surgical consultations*. Annual Convention for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP): Health Preconference; Atlanta, GA.
- Tran, B.,** & Sweeny, K. (2017, January). *Correlates of medical jargon use by physicians and patients during surgical consultations*. Annual Convention for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP); San Antonio, TX.

Ramirez-Loyola, M., Trung-Le, K., **Tran, B.**, Vazquez, V., Dias, J., & Rosenblum, L. (2014, April). *Effects of shadowing delay on processing of auditory and visual speech*. Presented at the 2014 Undergraduate Research Symposium (URS) at the University of California, Riverside.

Selected Service

- 2021- *Initiative Collaborator*, Moving in New Directions (MIND) Program
Inland Health Professions Coalition (IHPC)
An initiative of Reach Out; Upland, CA
- 2021- *Graduate Mentor*, Nicklaus Lo
Poster accepted for presentation at the 2022 Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP): Health Preconference; San Francisco, CA
- 2021 *Graduate Student Reviewer (Social-Personality)*
R'PSYC 2021 Annual Undergraduate Psychology Research Conference
University of California, Riverside; CA.
- 2021 *Reviewer (Outstanding Research Award)*
SPSP Student Committee, Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) 2021 Annual Convention, Webinar[†].
- 2020- *Graduate Representative (External Communications Work Group)*
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee
Department of Psychology
University of California, Riverside; CA.
- 2020 *Graduate Student Reviewer (Social-Personality)*
R'PSYC 2020 Annual Undergraduate Psychology Research Conference
University of California, Riverside; CA.
- 2020 *Chair*, Novel Insights on Politics and Emotions
Symposium presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) 2020 Annual Convention; New Orleans, LA.
- 2020- *Chair*, Student Travel Award Committee
Steering Committee, Social Personality Health Network (SPHN)
- 2019–2020 *UCR Campus Representative*
American Psychological Association (APA)
Division 38: Society for Health Psychology (SfHP)
- 2019–2020 *Graduate Mentor*, Kevin Phalavisay
Poster presented at the UCR 2019 International Education Week (IEW) Research Symposium; Riverside, CA.
- 2019–2020 *Graduate Mentor*, Sandra A. Rosales

Poster presented at the UCR MSRIP 2019 Symposium; Riverside, CA.

2018-2019

Graduate Mentor, Madeleine M. Mendoza

Poster presented at the APS 2019 Annual Convention; Washington, DC.

2017-2018

Graduate Mentor, Hannah Tamez

Poster presented at the UCR 2018 Undergraduate Research Symposium;
Riverside, CA.

2018-

Graduate & Trainee Representative

Steering Committee, Social Personality Health Network ([SPHN](#))

2014-2015

Patient-Unit Volunteer

Department of Pediatrics: Acute Care

Loma Linda University Health (LLUH); Loma Linda, CA.