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Education

- 2016-present Ph.D., Social/Personality Psychology
University of California, Riverside
Advisor: Kate Sweeny, PhD
Expected: 2021
- 2018 M.A., Social/Personality Psychology
University of California, Riverside
Thesis: *"Correlates of Physicians' and Patients' Language Use During Surgical Consultations"*
Advisor: Kate Sweeny, PhD
- 2016 B.S., Psychology, *Magna Cum Laude* with University Honors
University of California, Riverside (UCR)

Fellowships and Grant Funding

- 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

- 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

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Tran, B. Q., & Sweeny, K. (2019). Correlates of physicians' and patients' language use during surgical consultations. *Health Communication*, 1-9.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/1010410236.2019.1625001>

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.

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.

Other Publications

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., *Mendoza, M. M., Saini, S. K., & Sweeny, K. (in revision). Let the kid speak: Exploring the dynamics of triadic medical interactions involving pediatric patients.

Tran, B. Q., Dooley, M. D., Ramirez Loyola, M. D., Andrews, S. E., & Sweeny, K. (under review). The role of religiosity and spirituality in coping with uncertain waiting periods.

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

Talks and Symposia

- 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*

- 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.

Teaching and Research Experience

Instructor	<i>Health and Behavior Change (PSYC 179)</i> University of California, Riverside 2020 – Winter 2019 – Spring; Summer (Session A)
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- Health Psychology (PSYC 178)*
University of California, Riverside
2019 – Summer (Session B)
- Teaching Assistant *Health Psychology (PSYC 178)*
University of California, Riverside
2019 – Fall (*Instructor: Kyla Rankin, M.A.*)
2018 – Fall (*Instructor: Kristen Rudd, M.A.*)
2017 – Fall (*Instructor: Angelica Falkenstein, Ph.D.*)
- Social Psychology (PSYC 140)*
University of California, Riverside
2019 – Winter (*Instructor: Kate Sweeny, Ph.D.*)
- Psychological Methods: Research Procedures (PSYC 012)*
University of California, Riverside
2018 – Winter (*Instructor: Kate Sweeny, Ph.D.*)
- Personality (PSYC 150)*
University of California, Riverside
2017 – 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.*)

Selected Service

- 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–present *Graduate Mentor*, Kevin Phalavisay
Poster presented at the UCR 2019 International Education Week (IEW) Research Symposium; Riverside, CA.
- 2019–present *Graduate Mentor*, Sandra A. Rosales
Poster presented at the UCR MS RIP 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–present *Trainee Representative Chair*
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.

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