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## EDUCATION

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- 2027 (expected)     **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.): Social/Personality Psychology**  
College of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences | University of California, Riverside | Riverside, CA  
Advisor: Dr. Kate Sweeny
- 2019                    **Bachelor of Arts (B.A.): Psychology** (magna cum laude, cumulative GPA 3.83)  
College of Arts & Sciences | Arcadia University | Glenside, PA  
Minor: Sociology

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Preprints

- Sweeny, K., Hawes, J., & **Karaman, O. T.** (2023). When time is the enemy: An initial test of the process model of patience. *PsyArXiv*. <https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/dxs9n>.
- Castillo, J., Fan, H., **Karaman, O. T.**, Shu, J., Stussi, Y., Kredlow, M. A., Vranos, S., Oyarzún, J. P., Dorfman, H. M., Sambrano, D. C., Meskin, R., Hirst, W., & Phelps, E. A. (2022). Overestimating the intensity of negative feelings in autobiographical memory: evidence from the 9/11 attack and Covid-19 pandemic. *PsyArXiv*. <https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/xw6rf>.

### 2022

- Oyarzún, J. P., Kuntz, T. M., Stussi, Y., **Karaman, O. T.**, Vranos, S., Callaghan, B. L., Huttenhower, C., LeDoux, J. E., & Phelps, E. A. (2022). Human threat learning is associated with gut microbiota composition. *PNAS Nexus*, (1)5. <https://doi.org/10.1093/pnasnexus/pgac271>.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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### 2023

- Cisneros, D., **Karaman, O. T.**, Wilson, M., & Sweeny, K. (2023, April). *Don't sweat the big stuff: Patience for life's hardships predicts psychological well-being*. Poster presented at the 103rd annual meeting of the Western Psychological Association, Riverside, CA.
- Sieweyumptewa, P., **Karaman, O. T.**, Oyarzun, J. P., Kredlow, M. A., Shu, J., Phelps, E. A. (2023, April). *Instructed reappraisal during writing can have short and long-term effects on narrative language use and affect: A pilot study on COVID-19 experiences*. Poster presented at the 15th annual meeting of the Social and Affective Neuroscience Society, Santa Barbara, CA.

## 2022

Fan, H.\*, Castillo, J.\*, **Karaman, O. T.**, Shu, J., Stussi, Y., Kredlow, M. A., Vranos, S., Oyarzun, J. P., Dorfman, H., Sambrano, D., & Phelps, E. A. (2022, November). *Overestimating stress experienced early during the pandemic is associated with decreased emotional well-being*. Symposium talk presented as part of "Exploring Relationships Between Various Cognitive Mechanisms and COVID-19 Emotional Distress" at the 56th annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, New York, NY. \* denotes equal contribution

Castillo, J.\*, Fan, H.\*, **Karaman, O. T.**, Shu, J., Stussi, Y., Kredlow, M. A., Vranos, S., Oyarzun, J. P., Dorfman, H., Sambrano, D., & Phelps, E. A. (2022, May). *Overestimating stress experienced early during the pandemic is associated with decreased emotional well-being*. Poster presented at the 14th annual meeting of the Social and Affective Neuroscience Society. \* denotes equal contribution

## 2021

Kredlow, M. A., Oyarzun, J., Shu, J., **Karaman, O. T.**, & Phelps, E. A. (2021, November). *Impact of brief writing interventions on affect and covid-related stress*. Poster presented at the 55th annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, New Orleans, LA.

## 2020

**Karaman, O. T.**, & Robbins, S. J. (2020, June). *Loss aversion in social relationship decisions for future but not present self*. Poster presented at the 91st annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA.

## 2018

**Karaman, O. T.**, & Moore, K. S. (2018, March). *Using colors to remember in grapheme-color synesthesia*. Poster presented at the 89th annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Philadelphia, PA.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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2022-present      **Graduate Student and Lab Manager | Life Events Lab**  
Principal Investigator: Dr. Kate Sweeny, Professor of Psychology  
Department of Psychology | University of California, Riverside | Riverside, CA

2019-2022      **Research Assistant/Lab Manager | The Phelps Lab**  
Principal Investigator: Dr. Elizabeth Phelps, Pershing Square Professor of Human Neuroscience  
Department of Psychology | Harvard University | Cambridge, MA

2018-2019      **Senior Thesis Project**  
Research Supervisor: Dr. Steven Robbins, Professor of Psychology  
Department of Psychology | Arcadia University | Glenside, PA

2016-2019

**Research Assistant | The Attention, Memory & Cognition Lab**

Principal Investigator: Dr. Katherine Moore, Associate Professor of Psychology

Department of Psychology | Arcadia University | Glenside, PA

**AWARDS & HONORS**

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2017

**Psi Chi Honors Society**

Awarded membership by having above a 3.0 GPA average in all psychology courses and by earning a GPA in the top 35% of the class.

2015-2019

**Honors Program | Arcadia University**

Gained admission to the program by being in the top 10% of high school class, demonstrating involvement outside the classroom, and engaging in rigorous/challenging coursework.

2015-2019

**Distinguished Scholarship (totaling \$86,000) | Arcadia University**

A merit-based scholarship that recognizes academic excellence, outstanding leadership, and community service. Evaluated on the basis of grades, SAT/ACT scores, types of coursework taken, high school rank and involvement.

**TECHNICAL SKILLS**

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- **Programming:** JavaScript (jsPsych), MATLAB (AcqKnowledge, Autonomate), Python (PsychoPy), R (RStudio)
- **Software:** G-Suite, Microsoft Office Suite, Qualtrics, SPSS
- **Statistics:** T-Tests, ANOVA, Regression, Factor Analysis

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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- Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)