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Education

M.A.	Texas State University, San Marcos, TX	2025
	Psychological Research, Department of Psychology	
	<i>Faculty Advisor:</i> Amitai Abramovitch, Ph.D.	
	<i>Thesis:</i> “Creative Thinking and its Clinical and Neurocognitive Correlates in an Analogue Sample of Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder”	
B.A.	Texas State University, San Marcos, TX	2022
	Major in Psychology, Minor in Business Administration	

Publications

Abramovitch, A., Borrelli D., **Curran, C.**, & Dar, R. (2025). Impulsivity in Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis. *Journal of Affective Disorders*.

Ekren, E., Maleki, S. **Curran, C.**, Watkins, C., & Villagran, M. (2025). Health differences between rural and non-rural Texas counties based on 2023 County Health Rankings. *BMC Health Services Research*.

Moritz, S., Hoyer, L., Sarna, N., Abramovitch, A., **Curran, C.**, de Nadai, A. & Schmotz, S. (2024). Quo vadis DSM-6? An expert survey on the classification, diagnosis, and differential diagnosis of body-focused repetitive behaviors. *Comprehensive Psychiatry*.

Conference Presentations

National Conferences:

Curran, C., Abramovitch, A., Borrelli, D., & Dar, R. (2025, November 22). *Disentangling a Debate: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Self-Reported Impulsivity in OCD* [Poster Presentation]. 59th Annual Convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (ABCT), New Orleans, LA.

Abramovitch, A., Borrelli, D.F., **Curran, C.**, Dar, R. (2025, May 23) *Impulsivity in OCD: A Systematic Review and Meta Analysis*. Talk presented at the 8th Biannual Meeting of the European Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (EABCT) Special Interest Group on Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, Assisi, Italy.

Shepard, M., **Curran C.**, Deason, R. (2024, November 23). *The Impact of Music on Source Memory and Related Confidence After a Delay*. [Poster Presentation]. Psychonomic Society, New York City, NY, USA.

Curran, C., Abramovitch, A., & Moritz, S. (2024, November 15). *What Do Experts Think? An International Investigation on Classification and Diagnosis of Body-Focused Repetitive Behavior Disorders*. [Poster Presentation]. 58th Annual Convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (ABCT), Philadelphia, PA, USA.

Regional Conferences:

Curran, C., Shepard, M., Cheves, K., Sneed, C., Westerberg, C., & Deason, R. (2025, April 18). *Using EEG to Examine Sleep's Role in Memory Consolidation of Music-Paired Information* [Poster Presentation]. Psychology Research Showcase, San Marcos, TX.

Kang, T., **Curran, C.**, Shepard, M., & Deason, R. (2025, April 8). *Neural Correlates of Musical Mnemonics*. [Poster Presentation]. Graduate Student Research Conference, San Marcos, TX.

Shepard, M., **Curran, C.**, Saucedo, B., Buchanan, A., & Deason, R. (2024, October 18). *Music, Memory, and Confidence: Effects of Delay on Source Recall*. [Poster Presentation]. ARMADILLO Conference, College Station, TX.

Curran, C., Abramovitch, A. (2024, April 12). *The Nature of Creative Thinking in an Analogue Sample of Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder: A Proposed Study*. [Poster Presentation]. Psychology Day, San Marcos, TX.

Shepard, M., **Curran, C.**, Deason, R. (2024, April 2). *Enhancing confidence in memory using music*. [Poster Presentation]. Graduate Student Research Conference, San Marcos, TX.

Shepard, M., **Curran, C.**, Solis, A., Buchanan, A., Deason, R. (2023, October 7). *Examining music-related enhancements for source memory and confidence judgments*. [Poster Presentation]. ARMADILLO Conference, San Marcos, TX.

Shepard, M., Solis, A., **Curran, C.**, Conway, G., Deason, R. (2023, March 31). *Using music to enhance source memory for new information*. [Poster Presentation]. Southwestern Psychological Association Convention, Frisco, TX.

Scholarships and Grants

Texas State Tuition Grant	08/2024, 01/2025
\$1,950 awarded per semester to graduate students demonstrating financial need.	
Bobcat Cares Grant	09/2021
\$1,100 awarded to students demonstrating financial need.	

Academic Awards

Academic Excellence Award	04/2024
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Awarded to psychology students who have demonstrated exceptional academic performance.

Dean's List

05/2019, 05/2022, 12/2022

Awarded to undergraduate students with a 3.5+ GPA for that semester.

Research Experience

Project Coordinator	Research on Eating Disorders & Suicidality (REDS) Lab Auburn University, Auburn, AL <i>PI:</i> April Smith, Ph.D. <i>Focus:</i> Evaluating transdiagnostic mechanisms associated with eating disorders and suicide via an R01-funded longitudinal EMA study, and understanding the effects of an interoception intervention on military servicemembers.	06/2025 – Present
Graduate Research Assistant	Memory and Cognition Laboratory Texas State University, San Marcos, TX <i>PI:</i> Rebecca Deason, Ph.D. <i>Focus:</i> Examining source memory and judgments of learning involved with novel musical stimuli via behavioral and EEG experiments.	01/2022 – 08/2025
Graduate Research Assistant	Neuropsychology and Psychopathology Lab (NPL) Texas State University, San Marcos, TX <i>PI:</i> Amitai Abramovitch, Ph.D. <i>Focus:</i> Studying a variety of topics including obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), misophonia, body-focused repetitive behaviors (BFRBs), and transdiagnostic neurocognitive phenomena (C-Factor).	01/2024 – 06/2025
Graduate Research Assistant	Cognitive Neuroscience Laboratory Texas State University, San Marcos, TX <i>PI:</i> Carmen Westerberg, Ph.D. <i>Focus:</i> Investigating elements of sleep in the context of memory performance through behavioral and EEG experiments.	08/2024 – 05/2025
Paid Research Assistant	Translational Health Research Center Texas State University, San Marcos, TX <i>PI:</i> Melinda Villagran, Ph.D.; Elizabeth Ekren, Ph.D. <i>Focus:</i> Interdisciplinary approach to examining contributors to healthcare access and quality, particularly in rural Texas using large-scale multi-organizational studies.	06/2024 – 08/2024

Teaching Experience

Academic Coach	Social Psychology (PSY 3331) Texas State Global <i>via Instructional Connections, LLC</i> <i>Instructor:</i> Sierra Kaiser, M.A. (30 undergraduate students)	10/2025 – 12/2025
Graduate Teaching Assistant	Introduction to Statistics Lab (PSY 2101) Texas State University, San Marcos, TX <i>Supervisor:</i> Carmen Westerberg, Ph.D. (12 undergraduate students)	06/2025 – 08/2025
Graduate Instructional Assistant	Introduction to Statistics (PSY 2301) Texas State University, San Marcos, TX <i>Instructor:</i> Maria Czyżewska, Ph.D. (95 undergraduate students)	03/2025 – 05/2025
Graduate Assistant	Multivariate Statistics (PSY 5312) Texas State University, San Marcos, TX <i>Instructor:</i> Jérémie Wilson-Lemoine, Ph.D. (23 graduate students)	01/2025 – 05/2025
Graduate Assistant	Univariate & Bivariate Statistics (PSY 5311) Texas State University, San Marcos, TX <i>Instructor:</i> Jérémie Wilson-Lemoine, Ph.D. (21 graduate students)	08/2024 – 12/2024
Graduate Instructional Assistant	Cognitive Processes (PSY 3341) Texas State University, San Marcos, TX <i>Instructor:</i> Rebecca Deason, Ph.D. (25 undergraduate students)	01/2024 – 05/2024

Clinical Experience

Rehabilitation Educator	Rehab Without Walls, Kingsbury, TX <i>Description:</i> Facilitated prescribed cognitive and physical exercises for geriatric clients with traumatic brain injuries (TBIs) and assisted clients with activities of daily living (ADLs).	01/2023 – 09/2023
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Projects

Reconnecting to Internal Sensations and Experiences (RISE) Auburn University, Auburn, AL <i>Organizer:</i> April Smith, Ph.D. <i>Purpose:</i> An intervention designed to promote interoceptive awareness, thereby promoting psychological and physiological wellbeing.	06/2025 – Present
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Project: Adapting and implementing this intervention in collaboration with the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR) and DenverHealth for research and application on a range of populations, namely active-duty service members and adolescents.

NeuroHackademy

08/2024

University of Washington eScience Institute, Seattle, WA

Organizers: Ariel Rokem, Ph.D. & Noah Benson, Ph.D.

Purpose: To teach and promote open science methods in neuroscience using tools such as Python and GitHub.

Project: [TLDR](#): A proof-of-concept Python application that utilizes machine learning to compile Zotero libraries and display summarized information.

Organization Memberships

Clinical Psychological Science Special Interest Group	11/2024 – Present
<i>Member</i>	
Society for a Science of Clinical Psychology	11/2024 – Present
<i>Member</i>	
Psi Chi International Honor Society	11/2021 – Present
<i>Historian—Texas State Chapter</i>	05/2022 – 12/2022

Volunteer Experience

Bobcat Build	04/2019, 04/2022
<i>Volunteer</i>	
ARMADILLO Conference	10/2023
<i>Volunteer</i>	
Annual Great Texas River Clean Up	03/2024
<i>Volunteer</i>	
University Lecture Series by ARIA (Alliance of Researchers in Aging)	09/2024
<i>Volunteer</i>	
Pre-Clinical & Counseling Careers Seminar (Psi Chi)	10/2024, 03/2025
<i>Mock Interviewer</i>	

Relevant Skills

SPSS Statistics	Muse S EEG
Python	Neuropsychological Assessments
R	Microsoft Office Software
BioSemi ActiveTwo System (EEG/ECG/EDA)	Zotero Citation Software
EMSE Brain Data Editor	Qualtrics Data Management
Clinical Assessments	REDCap Surveys
Suicide Risk Assessments	

Languages

English	Native
Spanish	Native

Links

LinkedIn	www.linkedin.com/in/cristian-curran-9a5606172
GitHub	https://github.com/cmcurran410
Substack	https://cmcurran.substack.com/
Google Scholar	Google Scholar Profile