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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Experimental Psychology with Statistics Minor, Texas Christian University	2024 -Present
B.S., Psychology with Philosophy Minor, University of Houston	2022
Magna Cum Laude, Cum GPA: 3.794, Major GPA: 3.848, Dean's List	
A.A., Lone Star College – CyFair	2020
Magna Cum Laude, Cum GPA: 3.726, President's List	

AREAS OF INTERESTS

Social Cognition; Existentialism; Time Perspective; Time Perception; Religion; Metaphoric Language; Female Objectification; Mental Imagery; Social Ostracism; Racial Bias; Authenticity

FELLOWSHIPS & STIPEND AWARDS

Patience in Adversity - Phase 1 Virtual Inquiry Group Award	\$1,000	2025
TCU Stipends To Attract Remarkable Students (STARS)	\$18,000	2024
TCU Ida M. Green Fellowship	\$26,000	2024

SCHOLARSHIPS

Psi Chi Model Chapter Award	\$100	2022
University of Houston Undergraduate Institutional Grant	\$2,862	2021
Provost Undergraduate Research Scholarship	\$1,000	2021
University of Houston Transfer Excellence Scholarship	\$1,000	2020
Cy-Fair Educational Foundation Scholarship	\$1,000	2019

TRAVEL AWARDS

SPSP Graduate Registration Stipend	\$199	2025
ISSEP Undergraduate Student Conference Award	\$75	2023

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant & Lab Manager **2024 – Present**

Existential Social Psychology Lab, Dr. Cathy R. Cox, Texas Christian University

- Lead research projects on time perspective, perception, temporal rootedness, and well-being
- Manage collaborative projects with external researchers and treatment facilities

- Mentor a team of 14 research assistants, providing training in research design, Institutional Review Board (IRB) preparation, in-lab data collection, introductory data analysis, and grant writing

Project Manager

2023 – 2024

Black Lives Matter: Psychological, Social, & Societal, Perla Henderson, University of Houston

- Compile lists of BLM subreddits to investigate political and social justice attitudes
- Monitor the University of Houston's student participant credit management system (*SONA Systems*) to ensure accuracy and integrity of data collection
- Conduct extensive literature review and contribute to publication's introduction
- Identify project progress and challenges to report to Principal Investigator
- Process, interpret, and discuss data results from *RStudio*

Undergraduate Research Assistant

2021 – 2024

Personality, Emotion, and Social Cognition Lab, Dr. Adam K. Fetterman, University of Houston

- Methodize and present potential research projects about visual perception, mental transportation, fourth wall perspective, and temporal rootedness for consideration
- Consult with graduate students to prepare IRB protocols, informed consent, participant recruitment statements, and analyze relevant literature for manuscript drafts
- Construct *Qualtrics* surveys for remote and in-person data collection
- Train to code metaphors in participant responses and steps of quantifying qualitative research

Undergraduate Research Assistant

2022 – 2022

1771: Genre Boundaries and Dispersion, Dr. David Mazella, University of Houston

- Investigated full cohort of writers and printers of major British Atlantic cities in 1771
- Researched writer biographies using various library databases to assemble *Excel* dataset
- Collaborated in small groups using *Microsoft Teams* with weekly check-ins
- Reflected on weekly tasks by upholding research journal

Principal Investigator under Dr. Adam K. Fetterman

2022 – 2022

Provost's Undergraduate Research Scholarship, University of Houston

- Produced detailed statement of research outlining strong objective of studying visual perspective and relation to nostalgia and mental transportation on mental well-being
- Developed research method and design with IRB clearance to conduct human subject study
- Designed remote contingency plan in consideration of COVID-19 and utilized online surveys
- Processed and analyzed data using *Excel* and *RStudio* to create visual aids (data tables & graphs)
- Consulted with mentor bi-monthly to monitor progress and outline future tasks
- Maintained accurate and organized project documents, datasets, and research reports

PUBLICATIONS

- Espinosa, M., Bui, T. B., **Tran, B. L.**, & Cox., C. R. (in prep). *The Association Between Existential Isolation and Dehumanizing Self-Perceptions*. Department of Psychology, Texas Christian University.
- Swets, J. A., Bui, T. B., **Tran, B. L.**, Espinosa, M., & Cox, C. R. (in prep). *Associations Between Nostalgia, Forgiveness, and Intimate Partner Violence*. Department of Psychology, Texas Christian University.
- Henderson, P. R., **Tran, B. L.**, Harris, C., Vail., K. E., Lapish, C., & Fetterman, A. K. (in prep). *Black Lives Matter: A Quest for Meaning*. Department of Psychology, University of Houston.
- Ravey, E. P., Evans, N. D., Meier, B.P, Kharbanda, K., Harris, C., **Tran, B. L.**, & Fetterman, A. K. (in press). *In the Name of the Father: Endorsing fatherly metaphors for God predicts religious rule following, perceived parental control, and secure attachment to God*. [Manuscript submitted for publication]. Department of Psychology, University of Houston.
- Fetterman, A. K., Evans, N. D., Ravey, E. P., Henderson, P. R., **Tran, B. L.**, & Boyd, R. L. (2024). *The Topics of Nostalgic Recall: The Benefits of Nostalgia Depend on the Topics that One Recalls*. Social Psychological and Personality Science
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PRESENTATIONS

- Tran, B. L.** & Cox, C. R. (2025). *Bleeding Votes: The power of period imagery in politics*. [Poster] Texas Christian University Student Research Symposium, Fort Worth, TX, United States.
- Dahmen, J., Bui, T. B., **Tran, B. L.**, & Cox., C. R. (2025). *When Yesterday Haunts Tomorrow: The Ineffective Anxiety-Buffering Mechanisms on Well-Being and Psychological Disorders in Traumatized Individuals*. [Poster] Texas Christian University Student Research Symposium, Fort Worth, TX, United States.
- Tran, B. L.**, Espinosa, M., Wrucke, M. & Cox, C. R. (2025). *Time Heals All Wounds: How time perception influences recovery from social pain*. [Poster] Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Denver, CO, United States.
- Tran, B. L.**, Sease, T. B., & Cox, C. R. (2024). *Let Go and Let God: The psychological benefits of state of surrender*. [Poster] Texas Christian University Research and Creative Activities Poster Session, Fort Worth, TX, United States.
- Tran, B. L.** & Fetterman, A. K. (2024). *Existing in Time, with Company: Exploring the social and temporal variables that lead to existential well-being*. [Poster] Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA, United States.
- Henderson, P. R., **Tran, B. L.**, Harris, C., Vail., K. E., Lapish, C., Fetterman, A. K. (2024). *The Impact of Black Lives Matter: Psychological, Social, & Societal*. [Symposium] Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA, United States.
- Tran, B. L.**, Evans, N. D., & Fetterman, A. K. (2023). *Visual Perspective: A Possible Moderator for Nostalgia & Mental Transportation*. [Poster] Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA, United States.

Henderson, P. R., Machado, M. F., Harris, C., **Tran, B. L.** & Fetterman, A. (2023). *Black Lives Matter: Exploring Meaning-Making Through Social Justice Imagery*. [Data Blitz] Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA, United States.

GRANTS

Funder: International Society for the Science of Existential Psychology **2023**

Title: Understanding true self time orientation and well-being in older adults. [Unfunded]

PI: Bao Han L. Tran

CoPI: Dr. Joshua Hicks

UNDERGRADUATE MENTORSHIP

Served as primary mentor for undergraduate assistants to develop, apply for, and obtain internal grant funding for independent research projects:

Roselyn Tentzohua (2025), *The Effects of Obsessive-compulsive Disorder on Mortality Salience and Religious Beliefs*. TCU College of Science & Engineering Student Research Award.
Amount: \$1,487.50

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

International Society for the Science of Existential Psychology	2023 - Present
The Society for Personality and Social Psychology	2022 - Present
Psi Chi: The International Honor Society in Psychology	2021 - Present
UH Clinical Psychology Program Diversity Committee	2021 - 2023
American Psychological Association	2021 - 2022
Texas Psychological Association	2021 - 2022

SERVICE

Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine Research Appreciation Day *Judge* **2025**

- Judged student research posters for the annual competition and provided constructive notes for improvement in science communications

Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention *Reviewer* **2024**

- Reviewed poster abstracts to ensure that submissions meets the SPSP's scientific standards

UH Clinical Psychology Program Diversity Committee *Director of Outreach* **2021 – 2023**

- Prepared extensively for virtual graduate student panel events and graduate school information sessions dedicated to assisting minority students in Clinical Psychology

University of Houston Psi Chi *Secretary* **2021 – 2022**

- Processed membership applications, facilitated fundraisers, donation drives, and in-person service, and managed psychology tutoring service by assigning sessions and awarding points to tutors
- Researched and partnered with local organizations to coordinate volunteer events that advocated for ending homeless in Houston, child abuse survivor aid, medical supplies for lower developed countries, animal protection, and Alzheimer's awareness and research

Texas Psychological Association Conference *Student Volunteer* 2021

- Managed members' attendance and points for their professional development certificates

CERTIFICATION & TRAINING

Graduate Level:

SPSS (Regression & ANOVA); R (ANOVA); Grant Writing Present

Audit:

SMaRT Workshops: NIH Fellowship Grant Application Workshop 2025

Coursera: Statistical Inferences 2024

HarvardX Data Science: R Basics Course 2022

Certifications:

CITI Program – Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research Course 2024

Improving Cultural Competency for Behavioral Health Professionals 2022

Question, Persuade, and Refer – Gatekeeper Training 2021