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EDUCATION

Master of Arts, Psychology, May 2025
Louisiana State University (LSU), Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Thesis Title: "*Understanding Factors That Influence Treatment Engagement: A Qualitative Analysis of Those With Serious Mental Illness Within Community Mental Health Care*"
Thesis Defense: Completed December 2024
Overall GPA: 3.70

Bachelor of Science, Psychology, December 2021
Louisiana State University (LSU), Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Overall GPA: 3.38

RESEARCH INTERESTS

o Exploring the personal narratives of individuals with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in community mental healthcare and forensic settings to inform clinical practices.

o Investigating how individuals with SMI conceptualize and make sense of their illness to improve patient advocacy.

o Using qualitative research approaches to deepen the understanding of quantitative findings generated via natural language processing software.

PUBLICATIONS

Cohen, A. S., Rodriguez, Z., **Warren, K. K.**, Cowan, T., Masucci, M. D., Granrud, O. E., ... & Strauss, G. P. (2022). Natural language processing and psychosis: on the need for comprehensive psychometric evaluation. Schizophrenia bulletin, 48(5), 939-948.

Minor, K. S., Myers, E. J., Abel, D. B., Mickens, J. L., Ayala, A., **Warren, K. K.**, & Vohs, J. L. (2022). Stuck inside: How social functioning in schizophrenia changed during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease, 210(12), 915–924.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PRESS

Warren, K. K., Cox, C. R., & Cohen, A. S. (in press). The Language of Paranoia: Linguistic Analysis of SMI Speech with Considerations of Race and Sex. Journal of Mental Health.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Warren, K. K., Jackson, A. D., Melerine, K. M., & Cohen, A. S. (n.d.). Understanding Factors That Influence Treatment Engagement: A Qualitative Analysis of Those With Serious Mental Illness Within Community Mental Health Care [Manuscript submitted for publication].

Corporandy, A. T., **Warren, K. K.,** Cohen, A. S., & Strauss, G. P. (n.d.). Using or abusing social cues: Demographic Bias and Serious Mental Illness [Manuscript submitted for publication].

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Cohen, A. S., Masucci, M. D., Granrud, O. E., **Warren, K. K.,** … Zollicoffer, A. "Humanizing "multimodal" digital phenotyping of negative symptoms: Conceptually driven multimodal feature integration."

Cohen, A. S., Granrud, O. E., Corporandy, A., **Warren, K. K.** "Detecting relapse in FEP or CHR through speech analysis: proximal and distal considerations in monthly evaluations over a year."

Cohen, A. S., Divers, R., Calamia, M., Masucci, M. D., Granrud, O. E., Coporandy, A. T., **Warren, K. K.,** … Diaz-Asper, C. "Speech Pause/rate for evaluating Alzheimer's and Mild Cognitive Impairment: A Meta-analysis."

EXPERIENCES

Graduate Research Assistant, **August 2022 – Present**
Advisor: Dr. Alex S. Cohen, Ph.D.
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

- o Developed a Python package based on OpenAI's Whisper to generate accurate audio transcripts.
- o Developed Python skills to assist in model training.
- o Gained familiarity with thematic analysis software (e.g., MaxQDA) to analyze collected data and train undergraduates.

Post Baccalaureate, December 2021 – August 2022
Advisor: Dr. Alex S. Cohen, Ph.D.
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

- o Continued research in the Affective Science and Psychopathology Research Lab.

Undergraduate Researcher, **January 2020 – December 2021**

Louisiana State University, **Baton Rouge, Louisiana**
Advisor: Dr. Alex S. Cohen, Ph.D.

- o Conducted research in the Affective Science and Psychopathology Research Lab.

- o Trained in R (Programming Language) and audio transcriptions.
- o Conducted personal research focused on severe mental illness (SMI) and Natural Language Processing (NLP) in minority communities.
- o Funded formerly by McNair Research Scholars.
- o Funded formerly by Maximizing Access to Research Careers (MARC).
- o Received research ethics training certificates from CITI.
- o Drafted a manuscript for publication.
- o Had a manuscript submitted for publication.

Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Indianapolis, Indiana
Advisor: Dr. Kyle S. Minor, Ph.D.

- o Trained in transcription analysis and organization of transcription data.
- o Surveyed subjects and analyzed their responses for data compilation.
- o Participated in a practice thesis defense with graduate cohort.
- o Aided in editing revision drafts of manuscripts.
- o Had a manuscript pending publication.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Psychology Extern, October 2024 – Present

Eastern Louisiana Mental Health System – Forensic Division, Jackson, Louisiana
Supervisors: Beth Arredondo, Ph.D., ABPP; Tina Myers, Ph.D.; Gina Manguno-Mire, Ph.D., ABPP
- o Conducted intake assessments and neuropsychological testing for forensic inpatients.
- o Delivered CBT-based Anger Management training for patients with severe mental illness (SMI).
- o Authored interdisciplinary reports to guide case conceptualization and treatment planning.
- o Participated in weekly individual supervision with board-certified forensic psychologists.

Psychological Services Center, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Supervisors: Mathew Calamia, Ph.D.; Raymond Tucker, Ph.D; Janina Mayeaux, Ph.D.
- o Administered neuropsychological and psychodiagnostic batteries for diverse clinical presentations.
- o Provided evidence-based interventions:
  - o Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT)
  - o Motivation-Enhanced CBT for Substance Use
  - o CBT for Generalized Anxiety Disorder
  - o Assertiveness Training
  - o Unified Protocol for Transdiagnostic Treatment
- o Presented cases in individual and group supervision to refine diagnostic and treatment skills.

PRESENTATIONS

Warren, K. K., Granrud, O. E., & Cohen, A. S. (2023, September 21-24). *Is clinician behavior related to patient's suspiciousness?: A speech analysis of clinical interviews* [Poster presentation]. Society for Research in Psychopathology, St. Louis, MO, United States.

Warren, K. K., Rodriguez, Z., Zollicoffer, A., Gelin, S., Strauss, G. P., & Cohen, A. S. (2022, September 8-11). *Race and daily life in people with SMI: Natural language processing of video diaries* [Poster presentation]. Society for Research in Psychopathology, Philadelphia, PA, United States.

Cohen, A. S., Rodriguez, Z., **Warren, K. K.**, Elevåg, B., Holmlund, T. B., Chandler, C., Foltz, P. W., & Strauss, G. P. (2022, February). *Developing a multimodal digital phenotyping paranoia measure: Comprehensive psychometric evaluation* [Poster presentation]. International Society for CNS Clinical Trials and Methodology, Washington, DC, United States.

Myers, E. J., Bettis, R. J., Beard, A., Rea, A., Flores, L., **Warren, K. K.**, Lysaker, P. H., & Minor, K. S. (2021, September). *Disorganized speech and metacognition in schizophrenia: Differential relations and a comparison of behavioral speech measures* [Poster presentation]. Society for Research in Psychopathology, Virtual Conference.

Warren, K. K., & Cohen, A. S. (2021, September). *The language of paranoia: Lexical analysis of SMI speech* [Poster presentation]. Society for Research in Psychopathology, Virtual Conference.

Warren, K. K., & Cohen, A. S. (2021, April). *Language and paranoia in outpatients with serious mental illness: Moderating effects of race and sex* [Poster presentation]. Society for Affective Sciences, Virtual Conference.

Warren, K. K., & Cohen, A. S. (2021, April). *Language and paranoia in outpatients with serious mental illness: Moderating effects of race and sex* [Poster presentation]. LSU Discover Undergraduate Conference, Baton Rouge, LA, United States.

CERTIFICATIONS

Positive and Negative Syndrome Scale (PANSS) Certification by the PANSS Institute (January 2024)

The Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicidality (CAMS) Certification by CAMS – Care, LLC (June 2024)

Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA) Certification by MoCA Test Inc. (In progress)

HONORS & AWARDS

    Southern Regional Educational Board (SREB) Fellowship (August 2022)
    Distinguished Undergraduate Researcher Award (December 2021)
    Black Faculty and Staff Caucus Award (2019-2021)
    Dean's List (2019-2020)
    Maximizing Access to Research Careers (MARC) Scholarship Award (Summer 2020)
    McNair Scholarship Award (Spring 2020)
    Summer Scholars (Summer 2018)