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**EDUCATION**

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**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**

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- Exploring the personal narratives of individuals with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in community mental healthcare and forensic settings to inform clinical practices.
- Investigating how individuals with SMI conceptualize and make sense of their illness to improve patient advocacy.
- Using qualitative research approaches to deepen the understanding of quantitative findings generated via natural language processing software.

**PUBLICATIONS**

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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.

Corporandy, A. T., **Warren, K. K.**, Cohen, A. S., & Strauss, G. P. (2025). Using or Abusing Social Cues: Demographic Bias and Serious Mental Illness. *Journal of Psychiatric Research*.

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.

**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

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**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].

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

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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

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### **Graduate Research Assistant, August 2022 – Present**

*Advisor: Dr. Alex S. Cohen, Ph.D.*

**Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

- Developed a Python package based on OpenAI's Whisper to generate accurate audio transcripts.
- Developed Python skills to assist in model training.
- 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**

- 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.*

- Conducted research in the Affective Science and Psychopathology Research Lab.
- Trained in R (Programming Language) and audio transcriptions.

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

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

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

## **CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

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**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**

- Conducted intake, personality, and neuropsychological assessments for forensic inpatients.
- Delivered Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) based Anger Management training for patients with severe mental illness (SMI).
- Administered Dialectical Behavioral Therapy – Prolonged Exposure (DBT- PE) for forensic patients with Post – Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) symptoms.
- Co-facilitated CBT – psychosis therapy groups.
- Hosted Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale (BPRS- E) trainings for various Louisiana Department of Health staff.
- Authored interdisciplinary reports to guide case conceptualization and treatment planning.
- Received didactic training for various neuropsychological and malingering assessments.
- 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.**

- Administered neuropsychological and psychodiagnostic batteries for diverse clinical presentations.
- Provided evidence-based interventions:

- Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT)
- Motivation-Enhanced CBT for Substance Use
- CBT for Generalized Anxiety Disorder
- Assertiveness Training
- Unified Protocol for Transdiagnostic Treatment
- Presented cases in individual and group supervision to refine diagnostic and treatment skills.

## PRESENTATIONS

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**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.**, Elvevåg, 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

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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

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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)