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## EDUCATION

**University of Texas at El Paso**, El Paso, TX **2022**

**Degree:** Doctor of Philosophy, General Psychology

**Dissertation:** *Language Dependent Effects of Nostalgia, via Mental Transportation, among Bilinguals*

**University of Texas at El Paso**, El Paso, TX **2019**

**Degree:** Master of Arts, Experimental Psychology

**Thesis:** *The Love is Not Lost: The Reparative Function of Romantic Nostalgia*

**Aquinas College**, Grand Rapids, MI **2016**

**Degree:** Bachelor of Science

**Major:** Psychology

**Minor:** Sociology

**Honors:** Magna Cum Laude

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Assistant Professor**, Department of Psychology, University of Manitoba **Jul. 2022 – Present**

**Graduate Research Assistant:** Department of Psychology, University of Texas at El Paso **Aug. 2017 – Jun. 2022**

Supervisors: Adam K. Fetterman, Ph.D. & Osvaldo Morera, Ph.D.

**Graduate Research Assistant:** BUILDing SCHOLARS Student Training Core, University of Texas at El Paso **Jun. 2021 – Aug. 2021**

Supervisor: Osvaldo Morera, Ph.D.

**Undergraduate Faculty Assistant Intern**, Department of Psychology, Aquinas College **Nov. 2015 – Jun. 2016**

Supervisor: Victor Karandashev, Ph.D.

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

\*Mentored undergraduate author

\*\*Co-First Author

Fetterman, A. K., **Evans, N. D.**, Ravey, E. P., Henderson, P. R., Tran, B. H. 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*. Advance online publication.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/19485506241229305>

**Evans, N. D.**, & Fetterman, A. K. (2023). Seeing COVID-19 is believing: Direct and indirect experiences with COVID-19 predict health behaviors through conspiracy beliefs and risk perception. *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*, 53(11), 1122-1136. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jasp.13002>

- Fetterman, A. K. & Evans, N. D.\*\* (2023). Remembering our first date brings back those fuzzy feelings: The role of romantic nostalgia in relationship functioning. *Current Opinion in Psychology*, 49(101524). Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.copsyc.2022.101524>
- Karandashev, V., Evans, N.D., Neto, F., Zarubko, E., Artemeva, V., Fallah, S., Cassepp-Borges, V., Oliveira, E. N., Akyol, H., & Dincer, D. (2022). Four-dimensional hierarchical structure of love constructs in a cross-cultural perspective. *Measurement Instruments for the Social Sciences*, 4(6), 1-13. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s42409-022-00035-0>
- Evans, N.D., Juhl, J., Hepper, E. G., Wildschut, T., Sedikides, C., & Fetterman, A. K. (2022). Romantic nostalgia as a resource for healthy relationships. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 39(7), 2181-2206. <https://doi.org/10.1177/02654075221075773>
- Evans, N. D. & Fetterman, A. K. (2022). It doesn't apply to me, so it isn't real: People are likely to deny science if it contradicts their personality. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 13(6), 1032-1046. <https://doi.org/10.1177/19485506211051464>
- Fetterman, A. K., Evans, N. D., Exline, J. J., & Meier, B. P. (2021). What shall we call God? An exploration of metaphors coded from descriptions of God from a large U.S. undergraduate sample. *PLOS ONE*, 16(7), e0254626. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0254626>.
- Fetterman, A. K., Evans, N. D., & Covarrubias, J. J. (2021). On the interpersonal function of metaphor use: Daily metaphor use fluctuates with empathy and perspective taking. *Social Psychology*, 52(2), 23-35. <https://doi.org/10.1027/1864-9335/a000431>
- Evans, N. D., \*Reyes, J., Wildschut, T., Sedikides, C., & Fetterman, A. K. (2021). Mental transportation mediates nostalgia's psychological benefits. *Cognition and Emotion*, 35(1), 84-95. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02699931.2020.1806788>
- Karandashev V., Evans, N.D., Zarubko, E., Neto, F., Evans, M., Artemeva, V., Morgan, K. A. D., Feybesse, C., & Surmanidze, L. (2020). Physical attraction scale — short version: Cross-cultural validation. *Journal of Relationships Research*, 11, E17, 1-11. <https://doi.org/10.1017/jrr.2020.17>
- Karandashev, V. & Evans, N. D. (2019). Quadrangular love theory and scale: Validation and psychometric investigation. *Journal of Methods and Measurement in the Social Sciences*, 10(1), 1-35.

#### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Karandashev, V. & Evans, N. D. (2017). *Test of Implicit Associations in Relationship Attitudes (TIARA): Manual for a new method*. Springer.

#### PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PREPARATION

\*Mentored undergraduate author

- Evans, N. D., Perez, P. C., & Morera, O. F. (under review). Testing the efficacy of educational interventions on matched student samples: A primer for propensity score matching in R.
- Ravey, E. P., Evans, N. D., Meier, B. P., Kharbanda, K., Harris, C., Tran, B. H., & Fetterman, A. K. (under review). In the name of the father: Endorsing fatherly metaphors for God predicts viewing God in more fatherly terms.
- Evans, N.D., Henderson, P. R., French, K., & Fetterman, A. K. (under review). Metaphors seen with the mind's eye: The role of mental imagery in the link between metaphor use and its interpersonal and existential benefits.

Henderson, P. R., **Evans, N. D.**, Baker, C. D., & Fetterman, A. K. (under review). The reputational impact of wrongness admission by a politician depending on their party affiliation and participant ideology.

Fetterman, A. K., Blackburn, K. G., **Evans, N. D.**, Srinivasan, L., & Leyva-Montiel, G. (in preparation). "Remember when we travelled?": Exploring nostalgia in people's travel memories through verb usage.

Fetterman, A. K., **Evans, N. D.**, \*Reyes, J., Wildschut, T., & Sedikides, C. (in preparation). Virtual nostalgia: Leveraging virtual reality to induce and enhance nostalgizing.

### SEPARATE TALKS AND POSTERS

\*Mentored undergraduate author

†Presenting author

†**Evans, N. D.** (2024, July). *On the similarity between romantic partners' retellings of their first dates and its association with positive relationship outcomes*. In A. From (Chair), *Birds of a feather flock together? Similarity as a heuristic for romantic compatibility*. Symposium talk presented at the International Association for Relationship Research, Boston, MA.

†**Evans, N. D.**, & \*Verot, A. (2024, February). *The role of rumination in experiencing post-breakup romantic nostalgia and negative post-breakup outcomes*. Poster session presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, San Diego, CA/Virtual.

†Fetterman, A. K., **Evans, N. D.**, Ravey, E. P., Henderson, P. R., Tran, B. H. L. (2024, February). *The topics of nostalgia: Linguistic cues of nostalgia's benefits*. Poster session presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, San Diego, CA/Virtual.

†Perez, P. C., **Evans, N. D.**, Boland, T., Tinajero, J., & Morera, O. F. (2023, May). *Matching high school students using propensity-score matching in R Studio*. Talk presented at the Annual Meetings of the Science Education Conference. Washington, DC.

†Henderson, P. R., **Evans, N. D.**, & Fetterman, A. K. (2023, February). *The role of visual metaphors in empathy generation*. Poster session presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA/Virtual.

\*†Tran, B. H. L., **Evans, N. D.**, & Fetterman, A. K. (2023, February). *Visual perspective: A possible moderator for nostalgia & mental transportation*. Poster session presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA/Virtual.

†**Evans, N. D.**, & Fetterman, A. K. (2023, February). *Metaphor use in romantic relationships: The link between metaphor use, perceived partner responsiveness, and positive relationship feelings*. Poster session presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA/Virtual.

†**Evans, N. D.** (2022, March). *Remembering the good times rekindles the flame: Romantic nostalgia as a resource for healthy relationships*. Invited talk at Ripon College, Ripon, WI.

†**Evans, N. D.** (2022, February). *Reliving monumental life events to feel closer to others: The cognitive components and interpersonal benefits of nostalgia*. Invited talk at Lancaster University, Lancaster, UK (Virtual).

- †Evans, N. D., & Fetterman, A. K. (2022, February). *It doesn't apply to me, so it isn't real: People are likely to deny science if it contradicts their personality*. Poster session presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA/Virtual.
- †Fetterman, A. K., Ravey, E., Evans, N. D., & Meier, B. P. (2022, February). *Do as a father says: Endorsing fatherly metaphors for God is associated with religious adherence, belief in godly interference, and attachment to God*. Poster session presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA/Virtual.
- †Queen, C., Evans, N. D., & Eno Louden, J. (2021, March). *Assessing methods for attitude change towards COVID-19 related prison policies*. Poster session presented at the American Psychology-Law Society Annual Convention, Virtual.
- †Evans, N. D. (2021, February). *Romantic nostalgia facilitates positive relationship functioning*. Invited data blitz presented at UTEP Psychology Graduate Student Interview Day.
- †Evans, N. D., & Fetterman, A. K. (2021, February). *Metaphor Usage Measure – Revised: The psychometric development and validation of a revised measure of metaphor usage*. Poster session presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Virtual.
- †Ravey, E. P., Evans, N. D., Meier, B. P., & Fetterman, A. K. (2021, February). *On metaphors for God: Validation of a new measure and exploration of its correlates*. Poster session presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Virtual.
- †Evans, N. D., & Fetterman, A. K. (2020, February). *The love is not lost: The reparative function of romantic nostalgia*. Poster session presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA.
- †Armenta, A. D., Evans, N. D., & Zárate, M. A. (2020, February). *National prostaigia: A new prejudice reduction variable?* Poster session presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA.
- †Perez, P., \*Moreu, G., Avila, A., French, K., Evans, N. D., & Fetterman, A. K. (2020, February). *Correlates associated with the separation of cultural identity when crossing the U.S. and Mexico border*. Poster session presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA.
- †Evans, N. D., & Fetterman, A. K. (2019, February). *Remembering the good times rekindles the flame: The benefits of romantic nostalgia*. Poster session presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Portland, OR.
- †Fetterman, A. K., Evans, N. D., \*Reyes, J., Wildschut, T., & Sedikides, C. (2019, February). *The role of mental transportation in nostalgic experiences*. Talk presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Portland, OR.
- \*†Reyes, J., Evans, N. D., & Fetterman, A. K. (2019, February). *Virtual nostalgia*. Poster session presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Portland, OR.
- †French, K., Fetterman, A. K., & Evans, N. D. (2019, February). *Metaphors seen with the mind's eye: The role of mental imagery in metaphoric processes*. Poster session presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Portland, OR.

\*†Moreu, G., Fetterman, A. K., & Evans, N. D. (2019, February). *Attitudes and immunization*. Poster session presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Portland, OR.

†Fetterman, A. K., Evans, N. D., French, K., & Meier, B. P. (2019, February). *What shall we call God? An exploration of metaphors of God*. Poster presented at the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Portland, OR.

†Evans, N. D., Covarrubias, J. J., & Fetterman, A. K. (2018, March). *Benefiting from re-experiencing past life events: Mental transportation mediating nostalgia's positive outcomes*. Poster session presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA.

†Covarrubias, J. J., Evans, N. D., & Fetterman, A. K. (2018, March). *Metaphor use and emotional processing: An analysis of metaphor use on emotional understanding, empathy, and perspective taking in daily life*. Poster session presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Department of Psychology, University of Manitoba*

2022 – Present

### *Undergraduate Courses*

Psychology of Personality  
Dyadic Relations

### *Honours/Graduate Seminar Courses*

Psychology of Intellectual Humility and Science Denialism  
Psychology of Misinformation and Science Denialism

*Department of Psychology, University of Texas at El Paso*

2017 – 2021

### *Undergraduate Courses*

Psychology of Personality  
Statistical Methods

### *Graduate Teaching Assistant: Graduate Courses*

Multilevel Modeling  
Experimental Design/Analysis of Variance

### *Graduate Teaching Assistant: Undergraduate Courses*

General Experimental Psychology Lab (Lecturer)  
Statistical Methods  
Cross-Cultural Psychology  
Social Psychology  
Introduction to Psychology

### *Guest Lecturer: Graduate Courses*

Multilevel Modeling

### *Guest Lecturer: Undergraduate Courses*

Social Psychology  
Cross-Cultural Psychology

## MENTORSHIP

**Graduate Students**

*Chair, MA Thesis*  
Gladys Orobosa

2023-Present

*Internal (Psychology) Committee Member, PhD Dissertation*  
Erin Dowling (Chair: Launa Leboe-McGowan)

2023-Present

*Internal (Psychology) Committee Member, MA Thesis*  
Andrew Lyons (Chair: Steven Greening)  
Natalia Nguyen (Chair: Dan Bailis)  
Jamie Vallotton (Chair: Alicia Nijdam-Jones)  
Liam Yeo (Chair: Nicholas Brosowsky)

2023-Present

2023-Present

2023-Present

2023-Present

*External Committee Member, MA Thesis*  
Bilal Khan (Chair: Cynthia Carpan, Interior Design)

2024-Present

**Undergraduate Students with Competitive Funding**

Bao Han Tran – University of Houston  
Type: Paid research scholarship  
Funding Source: Provost’s Undergraduate Research Scholarship  
Program (PURS; University of Houston)  
Project Topic: The role visual perspective plays in mentally transporting  
to nostalgic memories

**Funding Term: Jan.  
2022 – May 2022**

Reagan McCawley – University of Houston  
Type: Paid research fellowship  
Funding Source: SURF Program (University of Houston)  
Project Title: “How Inducing Empathy Affects Metaphoric Speech and  
Emotions”

**Funding Term: June  
2021 – Aug. 2021**

Gil Moreu – University of Texas at El Paso  
Type: Paid research scholarship  
Funding Source: NIH BUILDing SCHOLARS (University of Texas at El  
Paso)  
Project Title: “Theory of Planned Behavior, Culture, and Immunization  
Intentions”

**Funding Term: May  
2018 – Aug. 2018**

**Honours Students**

Alma Berg – University of Manitoba  
Brooklyn Eliasson – University of Manitoba  
Ayushi Patel – University of Manitoba  
Megan Topolniski – University of Manitoba (Co-Supervised with Jessica  
Cameron)  
Matthew McConnell – University of Manitoba  
Ashton Stewart – University of Manitoba  
Ashley Verot – University of Manitoba  
Joseph Reyes – University of Texas at El Paso

Aug. 2023 – Present

Aug. 2023 – Present

Aug. 2023 – Present

Aug. 2023 – Present

Aug. 2022 – Apr. 2023

Aug. 2022 – Apr. 2023

Aug. 2022 – Apr. 2023

Aug. 2018 – May 2019

**Undergraduate Research Assistants**

Rowan Baran – University of Manitoba	Sep. 2023 – Present
Alex Fortney – University of Manitoba	Sep. 2023 – Present
Camryn Kangas – University of Manitoba	Sep. 2023 – Present
Simon Kigelman – University of Manitoba	Sep. 2023 – Present
Roxanne Kirshner – University of Manitoba	Sep. 2023 – Present
Jasmine Dhalla – University of Manitoba	Feb. 2023 – Present
Joshua Pchajek – University of Manitoba	Feb. 2023 – Present
Mwavita Lydia Ntangano – University of Manitoba	Jan.2023 – Apr. 2023
Rachel Davis – University of Manitoba	Jan. 2023 – Apr. 2023
Araceli Garcia – University of Texas at El Paso	Sep. 2018 – May 2022
Joanne Pham – University of Houston	Jan. 2020 – Dec. 2021
Perla Henderson – University of Houston	Aug. 2020 – May 2021

## SERVICE

### **Ad Hoc Journal Reviewer**

<i>British Journal of Social Psychology</i>	2023-Present
<i>Cognition and Emotion</i>	2023-Present
<i>Applied Cognitive Psychology</i>	2023-Present
<i>Emotion</i>	2023-Present
<i>Social Psychology</i>	2022-Present
<i>Violence Against Women</i>	2022-Present
<i>Measurement and Evaluation in Counseling and Development</i>	2021-Present
<i>Personality and Individual Differences</i>	2021-Present
<i>Journal of Behavioral Decision Making</i>	2021-Present
<i>Sage Open</i>	2021-Present
<i>Basic and Applied Social Psychology</i>	2018-Present
<i>Psychological Reports</i>	2018-Present

### **University Service**

<i>Member, Executive Committee, Department of Psychology, University of Manitoba</i>	Sep. 2023 – Aug. 2024
<i>Member, Research Ethics Board, Department of Psychology, University of Manitoba</i>	Sep. 2023 – Aug. 2024
<i>Member, Research &amp; Scholarship/Public Relations, Department of Psychology, University of Manitoba</i>	Aug. 2022 – Jul. 2023
<i>Graduate Student Representative, Risk Prevention and Response Committee, Department of Psychology, University of Texas at El Paso</i>	Oct. 2019-May 2022

## ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES

<i>Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Methods in Psychology, Department of Psychology, University of Texas at El Paso</i>	2022
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## ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

<i>Psi Chi – International Honor Society in Psychology</i>	2015-Present
<i>American Psychological Association (APA)</i>	
<i>Graduate Student Affiliate</i>	2017-2022
<i>Member</i>	2022-Present

***Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)***

Graduate Student Member

2017-2022

Early Career Member

2022-Present

***Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science (SIPS)***

2018-2019

**GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS RECEIVED*****Academic and Research Awards***

*Rewarding Effort to Attain Council Help (REACH)*, University of Manitoba,  
Department of Psychology, \$5,000

2023-2024

*Graduate Student Award: Outstanding Graduate Student*, University of Texas  
at El Paso, Department of Psychology

2022

*Graduate Student Award: Faculty Choice Award*, University of Texas at El  
Paso, Department of Psychology

2021

*Outstanding Psychology Student Award*, Aquinas College, Department of  
Psychology

2016

*Summer Scholars Research Grant*, Aquinas College, \$1,500

2015

*Monsignor Bukowski Scholarship*, Aquinas College

2012- 2016

***Travel Awards***

*Graduate Student Travel Grant*, University of Texas at El Paso, \$850

2022

*Graduate Student Travel Award – SPSP Annual Convention (San Francisco,  
CA)*, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, \$500

2022

*Dodson Funds Travel Grant*, University of Texas at El Paso, College of Liberal  
Arts, \$300

2020

*Graduate Student Travel Grant*, University of Texas at El Paso, \$565

2019

**MEDIA COVERAGE**

Syed, M. (2023, November 8). First loves. *Sideways*; *BBC Radio 4*.  
(<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m001s5gk>)

Pileggi Pawelski, S., & Pawelski, J. (2023, March 22). What can help you feel closer to your partner right now: If you've lost that loving feeling, try this. *Psychology Today*.  
(<https://www.psychologytoday.com/ca/blog/happy-together/202303/what-can-help-you-feel-closer-to-your-partner-right-now>)

Wong, B. (2023, January 24). This low-effort activity could bring the love back to your relationship: You don't need to be with your partner to effectively use this relationship hack. *The Huffington Post*.  
([https://www.huffpost.com/entry/long-term-couple-photo-study\\_l\\_63c987e4e4bo4d4d18dd4abd](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/long-term-couple-photo-study_l_63c987e4e4bo4d4d18dd4abd))

Barth, F. D. (2022, October 23). How romantic nostalgia can improve your love life: Remembering special times together can make a difference in your relationship. *Psychology Today*.



(<https://www.psychologytoday.com/ca/blog/the-couch/202210/how-romantic-nostalgia-can-improve-your-love-life>)

Walters, M. (2022, July 28). Relationships that last: How 'romantic nostalgia' keeps love strong. *Stylist*. (<https://www.stylist.co.uk/relationships/dating-love/romantic-nostalgia-in-long-term-relationships/689240>)

Emamzadeh, A. (2022, July 2). Why nostalgia is important for healthy romantic relationships: Romantic nostalgia strengthens relationship commitment and satisfaction. *Psychology Today*. (<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/finding-new-home/202207/why-nostalgia-is-important-healthy-romantic-relationships>)

#### MEDIA INTERVIEWS

Vidal, S. (2023, December 22). How does nostalgia work? *Up To Speed with Faith Fundal; CBC Radio – Winnipeg*. (<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-111-up-to-speed/clip/16031910-how-nostalgia-work>)

Hillier, B. (2023, April 27). Photographs and memories. *The Signal with Adam Walsh; CBC Radio – Newfoundland & Labrador*. (<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-89-the-signal/clip/1598114-photographs-memories>)

Piché, G. (2022, November 4). All I have to do is Dreamland: Old-school Portage Avenue diner will deliver retro '50s vibe. *Winnipeg Free Press*. (<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/arts-and-life/food/2022/11/04/all-i-have-to-do-is-dreamland>)

Suttie, J. (2022, October 20). A little nostalgia could make your relationship more loving. *Greater Good Magazine*. ([https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/a\\_little\\_nostalgia\\_could\\_make\\_your\\_relationship\\_more\\_loving](https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/a_little_nostalgia_could_make_your_relationship_more_loving))

Dolan, E. W. (2022, July 27). Romantic nostalgia linked to greater relationship commitment, satisfaction, and closeness. *PsyPost*. (<https://www.psypost.org/2022/07/romantic-nostalgia-linked-to-greater-relationship-commitment-satisfaction-and-closeness-63593>)

Frye, D. (2022, March/April). Not the way I see it: We may be more likely to deny psychological research when it contradicts our lived experience. *Psychology Today*, 55(1), 6. (<https://www.psychologytoday.com/ca/articles/202203/why-we-deny-psychological-research>)