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Education

PHD, University of Connecticut, 2026.
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MA, California State Univ-Fullerton, 2020.
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University Experience and Work History

Assistant Professor, Texas State University. (August 2026 - Present).

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Publications

Turner, M. M. (2026). Manipulation in close relationships: A meta-analytic review. *Personality and Individual Differences*, *248*, 113485. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.paid.2025.113485

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Dhillon, A., Denes, A., Turner, M. M. (2025). From genes to gestures: Uncovering biological threads in communication accommodation. In H. Giles, D. Markowitz, & D. Clemson (Eds.), New directions for, and panaceas arising from, communication accommodation theory (pp. 147-167). Peter Lang.

Awards, Fellowships, and Honors

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2025 Student Caucus Travel Grant, awarded by the NCA IDEA Council for student members of NCA's caucuses to attend the 111th Annual Convention.

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