

Curriculum Vitae
Ryan A. McCurdy
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Education

Ph.D. — Hearing and Speech Sciences, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN Advisor: Dr. Melissa Duff, Ph.D.	In Progress
M.A. — Speech-Language Pathology, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA	2018
B.A. — Speech and Hearing Science, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA	2016
A.A. — Kirkwood Community College, Iowa City, IA	2014

Clinical Certification

Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology (CCC-SLP) American Speech-Language-Hearing Association	2019 — Present
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Research & Clinical Experience

Adult Acute Care Speech-Language Pathologist UCHealth Inpatient Hospital System Greater Northern Colorado Area	2020
Speech-Language Pathology Fellow UCHealth Poudre Valley Hospital Fort Collins, CO	2019
Research Assistant — Assistive Devices Laboratory Director: Richard Hurtig, Ph.D. University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA	2017 — 2018
Research Assistant — Grammar Acquisition Laboratory Director: Amanda Owen-Van Horne, Ph.D. University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA	2016 — 2017
Research Assistant — Communication And Memory Laboratory Director: Melissa Duff, Ph.D. University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA	2015 — 2016

Honors & Awards

Academy of Neurological Communication Disorders and Sciences Fellowship	2023
Kirstin Lodge-Miller Scholarship (\$1,500)	2017
Iowa Scottish Rite Masonic Foundation Scholarship (\$5,000)	2017
University of Iowa Tuition Scholarship (\$6,678)	2016

Funded Grants

Vanderbilt Institute for Clinical and Translation Research Grant (\$2,000)	2025
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Teaching Experience

Teaching assistant, Models of Human Memory (PSY-4775/6775) Primary instructor: Sean Polyn, Ph.D. Department of Psychology, Vanderbilt University	Spring 2025
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Publications

- McCurdy, R.A.**, & Duff, M.C. (2024). Semantic memory, traumatic brain injury, and the iceberg effect: What deficits may lie below surface? 1-18. *American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology*. https://doi.org/10.1044/2024_AJSLP-24-00145
- McCurdy, R.A.**, Covington, N.C., & Duff, M.C. (2024). Naming ability in the chronic phase of moderate-severe traumatic brain injury. 1-14. *American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology*. https://doi.org/10.1044/2024_AJSLP-23-00249
- Duff, M.C., Morrow, E.L., Edwards, M., **McCurdy, R. A.**, Clough, S., Patel, N., Walsh, K., & Covington, N.V. (2022). The value of patient registries to advance basic and translational research in the area of traumatic brain injury. *Frontiers in Behavioral Neuroscience*. 16(846919). <https://doi.org/10.3389/fnbeh.2022.846919>
- McCurdy, R.A.**, Clough, S., Edwards, M., & Duff, M.C. (2022). The lesion method: What individual patients can teach us about the brain. *Frontiers for Young Minds*, 10(869030). <https://doi.org/10.3389/frym.2022.869030>
- McCurdy, R.A.**, Duff, M.C., & Covington, N.V. (in preparation). Evidence of impaired cognitive skill learning in traumatic brain injury.
- Tanguay, A.F.N., Clough, S., **McCurdy, R.A.**, Padilla, V., Lord, K.M., Brown-Schmidt, S., & Duff, M.C. (Under review). A scoping review on conversational memory and characteristics of conversations in Alzheimer's disease.

Book Sections

- Duff, M.C. & **McCurdy, R.A.** (2024). Amnesia. In J. Wixted (Ed.). *Learning and memory: A comprehensive reference* (pp. 1-13). Elsevier.

Presentations

- Vruwink, O., **McCurdy, R.**, Walsh, K., Duff, M. C., & Covington, N. V. (March 2025). *Expected outcomes of traumatic brain injury rehabilitation: Insights and perspectives from care partners* [Poster presentation]. International Brain Injury Association World Congress – Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- McCurdy, R.A.**, & Duff, M.C. (2024). *Semantic memory, TBI, and the iceberg effect: What deficits lie below the surface?* [Conference session]. Fourth International Cognitive-Communication Disorders Conference, Chapman University, Orange, CA, United States.
- Vruwink, O., Grabowski, A., **McCurdy, R.A.**, Duff, M.C., & Covington, N.V. (2023). *Measuring what matters: Converging and diverging perspectives of clinicians and adults with TBI* [Poster presentation]. 2023 American Speech-Language-Hearing Convention, Boston, MA, United States.
- McCurdy, R.A.**, Duff, M.C., & Covington, N.V. (2023). *Integrity of non-motor skill learning following traumatic brain injury* [Poster presentation]. 14th Biennial World Congress on Brain Injury, Dublin, Ireland.
- Covington, N.V., **McCurdy, R.A.**, Cohen, N.J., & Duff, M.C. (2023). *Simultaneous coordination of multiple memory systems in adults with traumatic brain injury* [Poster presentation]. 14th Biennial World Congress on Brain Injury, Dublin, Ireland.
- Grabowski, A., **McCurdy, R.A.**, & Covington, N.V. (2023). *What outcome domains "matter most" following traumatic brain injury: A synthesis of speech-language pathologist's perspectives* [Poster presentation].

14th Biennial World Congress on Brain Injury, Dublin, Ireland.

McCurdy, R.A., & Duff, M.C. (2022). *Semantic memory in traumatic brain injury: An examination of word senses* [Poster presentation]. American Speech-Language-Hearing Convention, New Orleans, LA, United States.

McCurdy, R.A., Covington, N.V., & Duff, M.C. (2021). *Naming ability in traumatic brain injury*. [Poster presentation]. 2021 American Speech-Language-Hearing Convention, Washington, D.C., United States.

McCurdy, R.A. (2018, May) *Language, memory, and beyond* [Lecture]. Lunch and Learn Seminar, Poudre Valley Hospital, Fort Collins, CO, United States.

Lemke, A., Kreiter, H., Larsen, L., & **McCurdy, R.** (2017) *IREAD: Integrated functional approaches to improving reading for people with aphasia* [Flash session]. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, Los Angeles Convention Center, Los Angeles, CA, United States.

McCurdy, R. (2016) *Our complex word: Balancing unity and diversity - a presentation on African-American Vernacular English* [Lecture]. Honors Seminar, Kirkwood Community College, Iowa City, IA, United States.