

## Michael Ota

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

- Texas State University, San Marcos
- *PhD School Improvement. Expected graduation, August 2023.*
- University of Texas, Austin
- MA Special Education with BCBA. GPA 4.0. August 2016.
  - MEd Instructional Technology. GPA 4.0, August 2013.

### Work History

#### Research Assistant

Department of Counseling, Leadership, Adult Education & School Psychology, Texas State University at San Marcos, 2019 - Present

- Doctoral research assistant responsible for design, implementation, data collection, data analysis, and written product on various projects under Dr. Jim Koschoreck.

Dana Center, University of Texas at Austin, 2008 - 2011

- Graduate research assistant and trainer of advanced math, coordinator for online PD, and conducted statistical analysis on various projects under Dr. Cathy Seely.

Department of Educational Psychology, University of Texas at Austin, 1995

- Interviewed subjects and evaluated data on *You Can't Say You Can't Play* under Dr. Amanda Harrist.

Department of Human Ecology, University of Texas at Austin, 1994-1995

- Data collection and analysis on various research projects under Dr. Vicki Hampton.

### Research

#### Published Works

- *Advanced Mathematical Decision Making*, 2009
- *Learner Experiences with MOOCs and Open Online Learning*, 2013
- *Preparing Teachers for SEL Implementation. In McCray, C. (Ed.), Multifaceted Strategies for Social-Emotional Learning and Whole Learner Education (pp. 25-38)*, 2021

#### Conference Presentations

- *Deep Pressure Therapy (DPT) Use in the Reduction of Challenging Behaviors for an Individual with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Intellectual Disability (thesis)*, International Research Conference for Graduate Students, 2019
- *Reframing the Autism Narrative in Texas Public Schools: A Multiple Case Study*, UCEA 2020 9th Annual Graduate Student Summit
- *Cultural Dimensions of Individuals with High-Functioning Autism: A Pilot Study*, UCEA 2020 9th Annual Graduate Student Summit
- *Discipline Disproportionality: Active Voices Seeking Justice in School Discipline*, 34th Annual Convention of the UCEA, 2020

### Recognitions/Awards

*Doctoral Merit Fellowship*, Texas State University, 2019-2020  
*Next Generation Digital Classroom*, Round Rock ISD, 2014  
Grant Recipient, *Safe Hugs Sensory Jackets*, 2015, 2018

### Professional Memberships

Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI)  
American Educational Research Association  
Autism Society of Texas (Board Member)