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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	University of California, Irvine, Health Psychology, 2019 Minor: Quantitative Methods Dissertation: The Psychological and Physiological Effects of Experimentally Induced Smiling During Physical and Social Pain
M.A.	University of California, Irvine, Social Ecology, 2016 Thesis: Does a Smile a Day Keep the Doctor Away? The Connections between Facial Expressions in Student Identification Photographs and Health Care Center Visitation
B.A.	University of California, Los Angeles, Psychology, 2012 Departmental Honors, <i>cum laude</i> Phi Beta Kappa

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Teaching Professor

2019 - present

Department of Biobehavioral Health Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

PUBLICATIONS

*Denotes an undergraduate student I directly supervised in research

- Cross, M. P., Acevedo, A. M., & Hunter, J. F. (2023). A critique of automated approaches to code facial expressions: What do researchers need to know? *Affective Science*. doi:10.1007/s42761-023-00195-0
- Kraft-Feil, T. L., Ingram, R. E., Gorey, C., Luu, J. H., Cross, M. P., & Pressman, S. D. (2023). The association of negative mood with automatic and effortful facial expression mimicry. *Frontiers in Psychology (Emotion Science)*, 14:1056535. doi:10.3389/fpsyg.2023.1056535
- Grisham, E. L., & Cross, M. P. Using positive coping strategies to boost resilience. In S. D. Pressman and A.C. Parks (Eds.), *Activities for Teaching Positive Psychology: A Guide for Instructors (Volume 2)*. American Psychological Association.
- Cross, M. P., Acevedo, A. M., Leger, K. A., & Pressman. S. D. (2022). How and why could smiling influence physical health? *Health Psychology Review*. doi:10.1080/17437199.2022.2052740

- Cross, M. P., Hunter, J. F., *Smith, J. R., Twidwell, R, & Pressman, S. D. (2022). Comparing, differentiating, and applying affective facial coding techniques for the assessment of positive emotion. *Journal of Positive Psychology*. doi:10.1080/17439760.2022.2036796
- Jenkins, B. N., Cross, M. P., Donaldson, C., Pressman, S. D., Fortier, M. A., Kain, Z. N., Cohen, S., Martin, L., & Farkas, G. (2021). The subcomponents of affect scale (SAS): Validating a widely used affect scale. *Psychology & Health*. doi:10.1080/08870446.2021.2000612
- Cross, M. P., Gheorma, L., & Pressman, S. D. (2019). Contrasting experimentally devicemanipulated and device-free smiles. *Frontiers in Psychology (Emotion Science)*, 10, 2297. doi:10.3389/fpsyg.2019.02297
- Urban, E. J., Cochran, K. J., Acevedo, A. M., Cross, M. P., Pressman, S. D., & Loftus, E. F. (2019). Misremembering pain: A memory blindness approach to adding a better end. *Memory & Cognition*, 47(5), 954-967. doi.org/10.3758/s13421-019-00913-9
- 9. *Kim, G., Cross, M. P., & Pressman, S. D. (2019). The connections between personality traits, pain threshold, and pain tolerance. *The UCI Undergraduate Research Journal, XXII*.
- Cross, M. P. & Pressman, S. D. (2018). Say cheese? The connections between positive facial expressions in student identification photographs and health care seeking behavior. *Journal of Health Psychology*, 25(13-14), 2511-2519. doi:10.1177/1359105318790066
- Pressman, S. D. & Cross, M. P. (2018). Moving beyond a one-size-fits-all view of positive affect in health research. *Current Directions in Psychological Science*, 27(5), 339-344. doi.org/10.1177/0963721418760214
- 12. Cross, M. P., *Hofschneider, L., *Grimm, M., & Pressman, S. D. (2018). Subjective wellbeing and physical health. In E. Diener, S. Oishi, and L. Tay (Eds.), *Handbook of Well-Being*. Salt Lake City, UT: DEF Publishers. doi:nobascholar.com
- Jenkins, B. N., Hunter, J. F., Cross, M. P., Acevedo, A. M., & Pressman, S. D. (2018). When is affect variability bad for health? The association between affect variability and immune response to the influenza vaccination. *Journal of Psychosomatic Research*, 104, 41-47. doi:10.1016/j.jpsychores.2017.11.002
- Hunter, J., F., Cross, M. P., & Pressman, S. D. (2018). The associations between positive affect and health: Findings and future directions. In C.R. Snyder, S. J. Lopez, L. M. Edwards, and S. C. Marques (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Positive Psychology, 3rd Edition*.
- 15. Cross, M. P., & Pressman, S. D. (2017). Understanding the connections between positive affect and health. In C. L. Cooper and J. C. Quick (Eds.), *The Wiley Handbook of Stress and Health: A Guide to Research and Practice.*

 Pressman, S. D., Kraft, T. L., & Cross, M. P. (2015). It's good to do good and receive good: The impact of a "pay it forward" style kindness intervention on giver and receiver wellbeing. *Journal of Positive Psychology*, 10(4), 293-302. doi:10.1080/17439760.2014.965269

Manuscripts in Preparation

- 1. Cross, M. P., Acevedo, A. M., & Pressman, S. D. The psychological and physiological effects of experimentally induced smiling during physical pain.
- 2. Cross, M. P., Pressman, S. D., & Smith, J. R. Facial feedback research has an adherence problem.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS Teaching Materials Grant (\$200) 2020 Schreyer New Faculty Colleagues Group The Pennsylvania State University Dean's Dissertation Writing Fellowship (\$12,885) 2019 School of Social Ecology University of California, Irvine Multidisciplinary Design Program (\$2,000) 2017 Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program University of California, Irvine Awarded to projects that provide an environment for undergraduate students to develop the multidisciplinary skills and knowledge that will propel them into further studies or careers in fields that explore the connections between different disciplines La Verne Noyes Fellowship (\$3,000) 2016 University of California, Irvine Awarded to an academically superior graduate student who is a direct descendant of a World War I U.S. Navy or Army veteran HONORS AND AWARDS Nominee for the George W. Atherton Award for 2022 Excellence in Teaching Pennsylvania State University Presented each year to six faculty members across the university who have demonstrated excellence *in undergraduate teaching*

Outstanding Mentoring Award (\$200) School of Social Ecology University of California, Irvine	2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019
Carol Kupers Whalen Graduate Research Award (\$1,000) Department of Psychological Science University of California, Irvine Awarded to a graduate student who is conducting innovative research on a fundamental question in health psychology and contributes to the department beyond his or her own work	2018
Dissertation Research Award (\$1,000) American Psychological Association	2017
Dissertation Data Collection Stipend (\$1,000) School of Social Ecology University of California, Irvine	2017
Alison Clarke-Stewart Excellence in Research Award (\$500) Department of Psychological Science University of California, Irvine Awarded to the graduate student who submitted the best second year project; given to a paper that was creative, original, theorem and practically strong, and reflected a large amount of independ work by the student	2
Graduate Research Fellowship Program Honorable Mention National Science Foundation	2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor at The Pennsylvania State University Mean ratings are from student course evaluations. Synchronous courses were in-person unless otherwise noted.

Synchronous Courses

Course	Number of Sections	Average Rating	Course Enrollment
Research and Applications	4	6.74 out of 7	34-39 students
in Biobehavioral Health	(1 hybrid section)		
Interdisciplinary			
Integration in	3	6.44 out of 7	82-110 students
Biobehavioral Health			
Introduction to	1	6.52 out of 7	125 students
Biobehavioral Health	(virtual)		

Asynchronous Online Courses

Course	Number of Sections	Average Rating	Course Enrollment
Values and Ethics in			
Biobehavioral Health	10	6.30 out of 7	18-26 students
Research and Practice			
Introduction to	7	6.56 out of 7	33-39 students
Biobehavioral Health			
Biobehavioral Aspects of	6	6.15 out of 7	29-40 students
Stress			
Gender and Biobehavioral	6	6.24 out of 7	16-36 students
Health			
Diversity and Health	3	6.55 out of 7	16-39 students

Instructor at the University of California, Irvine

Mean ratings are from student course evaluations. All courses were in-person.

Synchronous Courses

Course	Number of Sections	Average Rating	Course Enrollment
Human Stress	2	6.07 out of 7	230-252 students
Health Psychology	1	8.5 out of 9	39 students

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

*Denotes an undergraduate student I directly supervised in research

Invited Academic Talks

1. **Cross, M. P.** (March, 2019). *Careers in teaching psychosomatic medicine*. 77th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society, Vancouver, Canada.

Submitted/Reviewed Academic Talks

- Jenkins, B. N., Ong, L., Boehm, J., Hunter, J., Cross, M. P., Acevedo, A, Pressman, S. D., Richardson, M., & Conner, T. (March, 2020). When is affect variability bad? Examining the associations between affect variability and mental, physiological, and physical health outcomes. Paper to be presented at the 78th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society, Long Beach, CA. Conference cancelled.
- Jenkins, B. N., Cross, M. P., Goldstein, A., Kraft-Feil, T. L., Rasmussen, H., Scheier, M. F., & Pressman, S. D. (March, 2019). *The stress buffering effect of positive affect on sleep: Considering arousal level of positive affect.* Paper presentation at the 77th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society, Vancouver, Canada.

- Jenkins, B. N., Hunter, J. F., Cross, M. P., Acevedo, A. M., & Pressman, S. D. (April, 2018). *Mean positive affect moderates the association between positive affect variability and immune response to the influenza vaccination*. Paper presentation at the Positive Emotion Preconference at the 5th Annual Meeting of the Society for Affective Science, Los Angeles, CA.
- Pressman, S. D., Acevedo, A. M., Cross, M. P., Hunter, J. F., & Jenkins, B. N. (April, 2018). Keep calm and fight pain: How arousal matters in the positive affect-pain connection. Paper presentation at the 5th Annual Meeting of the Society for Affective Science Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA.
- Cross, M. P., & Pressman, S. D. (March, 2018). *The case for including facial expressions in affect and health research*. Paper presentation at the 76th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society, Louisville, KY.
- Cross, M. P., Kraft, T. L., & Pressman, S. D. (April, 2016). *The impact of a "pay it forward" style kindness intervention on giver and receiver wellbeing*. Paper presentation at the 96th Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Long Beach, CA.
- Pressman, S. D., & Cross, M. P. (March, 2016). Say cheese! The association between smiles in student identification photographs and frequency of health care center visits. Paper presentation at the Positive Emotion Preconference at the 3rd Annual Meeting of the Society for Affective Science, Chicago, IL.
- 8. Cross, M., Brooks, K., & Robles, T. (April, 2012). *We get by with a little help from our friends: The relationship between types of social support and emotion.* Paper presentation at the Berkeley Interdisciplinary Research Conference at UCB, Berkeley, CA.

Chaired Symposia

- 1. **Cross, M. P.** (March, 2019). HIV. 77th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society, Vancouver, Canada.
- 2. Cross, M. P. (March, 2018). Pain and physical symptoms. 76th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society, Louisville, KY.

Poster Presentations

- *Khan, A., Olah, M., *Palmer, S., *Smith, J., *Resendiz, E., Cross, M. P., & Pressman, S. D. (April, 2019). The relationship between personality and facial expression adherence. Poster presentation at the 99th Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Pasadena, CA.
- *Kim, G. J., *Singh, T., *Hollas, K., *Tran, T., *Chen, S., *Corona, R., Cross, M. P., & Pressman, S. D. (May, 2018). *An analysis of Cyberball as an effective social exclusion tool.* Poster presentation at the 30th Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science, San Francisco, CA.

- *Dominguez Ortega, D., *Zheng, Z., *Chen, S., *Singh, T., *Galstyan, E., *Gheorma, L., Cross, M. P., & Pressman, S. D. (April, 2017). *A comparison of manipulated and natural smile facial muscle activation*. Poster presentation at the 97th Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Sacramento, CA.
- Cross, M. P., Acevedo, A. M, Hunter, J. F., & Pressman, S. D. (March, 2017). Smile while your heart is breaking? The protective cardiovascular effects of smiling during social exclusion. Poster presentation at the 75th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society, Sevilla, Spain.
- Hunter, J. F., Hooker, E., Acevedo, A. M., Cross, M. P., *Wong, E. & Pressman, S. D. (March, 2017). *Is your smartphone a digital security blanket? How phone use and availability influences salivary alpha amylase and exclusion reports during social stress.* Poster presentation at the 75th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society, Sevilla, Spain.
- Acevedo, A. M., Leger, K., *Shader, J., Hunter, J. F., Cross, M. P., & Pressman, S. D. (March, 2017). *Keep calm and carry on: Low arousal positive affect is associated with higher parasympathetic function and no sympathetic activation during responses to pain.* Poster presentation at the 75th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society, Sevilla, Spain.
- *Dominguez Ortega, D., *Singh, T., *Zhang, S., *Koh, S. E., *Carcano, A., *Gheorma, L., Cross, M. P., & Pressman, S. D. (March, 2017). Using psychophysiological methods to understand the effects of different positive facial expression manipulations. Poster presentation at the 38th Annual Meeting of the Society for Behavioral Medicine, San Diego, CA.
- *Hofschneider, L., *Grimm, M., *Wang, H. D., *King, K., *Ochiai, K., *Ong, P., Cross, M. P., & Pressman, S. D. (March, 2017). *Do loneliness and self-esteem alter the influence of self-affirmation on stress recovery*? Poster presentation at the 38th Annual Meeting of the Society for Behavioral Medicine, San Diego, CA.
- Urban, E. J., Cochran, K. J., Acevedo, A., Cross, M. P., Pressman, S. D., & Loftus, E. F. (January, 2017). Underestimating pain: Memory blindness for a self-reported painful experience. Poster presentation at the 18th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality & Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.
- Chase, D., Cross, M. P., & Pressman, S. D. (April, 2016). Do personality traits predict health care seeking behaviors in college students? Poster presentation at the 96th Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Long Beach, CA.
- *Gheorma, L., *Carcano, A., *Koh, S., *Nguy, C. T., *Ortega, D. D., *Shader, J., Cross, M. P., Pressman, S. D. (April, 2016). *The smile stick: The validation of a new method of smile inducement*. Poster presentation at the 96th Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Long Beach, CA.

- 12. Limas, I., Villarreal, B. J., **Cross, M. P., &** Heckhausen, J. (April, 2016). *Academic stress, motivation, and mental and physical health in university students*. Poster presentation at the 96th Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Long Beach, CA.
- Cross, M. P., & Pressman, S. D. (March, 2016). Does a smile a day keep the doctor away? The connections between facial expressions in student identification photographs and health care center visitation. Poster presentation at the 74th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society, Denver, CO.
- 14. Cross, M. P., *Gheorma, L., *Hofschneider, L., *Grimm, M., & Pressman, S. D. (January, 2016). Does a smile a day keep the doctor away? The connections between facial expressions in student identification photographs and health care center visitation. Poster presentation at the 17th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality & Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.
- *Smirnova, M., *McKenna, C., *Faraci, D. C., Cross, M. P., Pressman, S. D., & Ditto, P. H. (January, 2016). *The influence of smiling on cheating*. Poster presentation at the 17th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality & Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.
- *Faraci, D. C., *McKenna, C., *Smirnova, M., Cross, M. P., Pressman, S. D., & Ditto, P. H. (January, 2016). *The influence of smiling on moral decision making*. Poster presentation at the 17th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality & Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.
- *McKenna, C. *Smirnova, M., *Faraci, D. C., Cross, M. P., Pressman, S. D., & Ditto, P. H. (January, 2016). *The influence of smiling on evaluating moral foundation transgressions*. Poster presentation at the 17th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality & Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.
- Cross, M. P., *Faraci, D. C., *Milligan, S., *Gheorma, L., & Pressman, S. D. (March, 2015). *Fake smiles = worse health: The connection between smile type in student photos and physical health.* Poster presentation at the 73rd Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society, Savannah, GA.
- *Faraci, D. C., *Milligan, S., *Gheorma, L., Cross, M. P., & Pressman, S. D. (February, 2015). *The connections between smile intensity in student ID photos and health*. Poster presentation at the 16th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality & Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA.
- Cross, M. P., Kraft, T. L., & Pressman, S. D. (February, 2015). *It's good to do good and receive good: The impact of a "pay it forward" style intervention on giver and receiver wellbeing*. Poster presentation at the 16th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality & Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA.

- 21. Cross, M. P., Kraft, T. L., & Pressman, S. D. (February, 2015). *It's good to do good and receive good: The impact of a "pay it forward" style intervention on giver and receiver wellbeing*. Poster presentation at the Happiness and Well-being Pre-Conference, Society for Personality & Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA.
- 22. Cross, M. P., *Estevez Cores, S. M., *Bower, A. H., & Pressman, S. D. (March, 2014). What types of social relationship variables are associated with respiratory sinus arrhythmia? Poster presentation at the 72nd Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society in San Francisco, CA.
- Leger, K. A., Cross, M. P., & Pressman, S. D. (March, 2014). *The relationship between* self-rated health, heart rate, and heart rate variability in healthy young adults. Poster presentation at the 72nd Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society in San Francisco, CA.
- 24. **Cross, M.,** Brooks, K., & Robles, T. (May, 2012). *We get by with a little help from our friends: The relationship between types of social support and emotion.* Poster presentation at the Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference at UCLA, Los Angeles, CA.
- Cross, M., Frazier, M., Galligan, M., Vishnevsky, R., Thom, E., & Sandhofer, C. (2011, May). *Examining the relationship between word learning and experience within categories*. Poster presentation at the Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference at UCLA, Los Angeles, CA.
- 26. Cross, M., Frazier, M., Galligan, M., Vishnevsky, R., Thom, E., & Sandhofer, C. (May, 2011). *Examining the relationship between word learning and experience within categories*. Poster presentation at the Symposium on Cognitive and Language Development at California State University Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA.

ADDITIONAL RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Lab Manager and Research Coordinator Social Neuroscience Laboratory, UCLA Principal Investigator: Shelley E. Taylor, Ph.D.

- Coordinated an NIA-funded study investigating the physiological correlates of psychological vulnerabilities to fraud across the lifespan
- Assisted in writing and editing *Health Psychology*, 9th edition, by Dr. Shelley E. Taylor
- Developed and submitted research study protocols to Federal grant institutions (NIH, NSF) and UCLA's Institutional Review Board

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Co-Chair of the American Psychosomatic Society Psychosocial Wellbeing and Health Special Interest Group Responsible for conference programming on the topic of psychosocial wellbeing and health 2023 - present

2012 - 2013

American Psychosomatic Society Emerging Leaders Committee	2017 - 2020
Responsible for promoting the development of early career members and trainees as scholars and leaders in psychosomatic medicine	
Mentor for the International Medicine Education and Development Club at the University of California, Irvine Served as a mentor for two undergraduate students who were interested in careers in the health sciences	2018 - 2019
American Psychosomatic Society Program Committee Responsible for developing the academic portions of the Annual Meeting	2017 – 2019
Ad Hoc Reviewer	
Applied Psychology: Health and Well-Being	
Behavior Research Methods	
Frontiers in Psychology: Cultural Psychology	
Frontiers in Psychology: Personality and Social Psychology Health Psychology	

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International Journal of Applied Positive Psychology International Journal of Behavioral Medicine International Journal of Wellbeing Journal of Health Psychology Journal of Multidisciplinary Healthcare Perspectives on Psychological Science

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Pennsylvania State University

Honors Advising Team Department of Biobehavioral Health	2022 – present
Teaching Faculty Search Committee Member Department of Biobehavioral Health	2022 – present
World Campus Committee Department of Biobehavioral Health	2019 – present
Experiential Programs Admissions Committee Department of Biobehavioral Health	2020 - 2022
World Campus Faculty Search Committee Member Department of Biobehavioral Health	2021

Global Health Admissions Committee Department of Biobehavioral Health	2019 - 2020
<u>University of California, Irvine</u>	
Clinical Neuropsychology and Aging Faculty Search Committee Member Department of Psychological Science	2018
NSF GRFP Internal Review Committee School of Social Ecology	2018
Graduate Recruitment Chair Department of Psychological Science Responsible for coordinating the interview weekend for potential future graduate students	2016 - 2017
Social Chair Department of Psychological Science Responsible for planning community-building events for faculty and graduate students	2014 - 2016
UNIVERSITY SERVICE	
 Speaker for "Engaging Disciplinarity: A Writing Speaker Series" Title of talk: "Writing in the Health Sciences: Evaluating the Legitimacy of Sources and the Role of Popular Media" Co-presenter: Dr. Beth Edwards The Writing Center @ Penn State Learning 	2022
Schreyer Honors College Selection Committee The Pennsylvania State University	2019 - 2020
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	
Certificates Completed	
Mental Health First Aid A national program to teach the skills to respond to the signs of mental illness and substance abuse	2022
Foundations for Online Teaching Certificate Pennsylvania State University Four-course online certificate to help develop essential competence in online teaching	2021

Courses Completed

"Excellence in Academic Advising" Pennsylvania State University Designed to provide faculty with a solid foundation for best practices in academic advising	2022
"Teaching the International Student" Pennsylvania State University Designed to help faculty in preparing to work with international students in an online environment	2021
"Supporting World Campus Students in Distress" Pennsylvania State University Designed to help faculty effectively address concerns about student behavior and care	2021
"Serving the Military and Veteran Student" Pennsylvania State University Designed to help faculty learn about military and veteran students and how best to support them in our classes	2021
"Supporting Accessibility for Online Learners" Pennsylvania State University Focused on processes that support student accessibility to online learning	2020
"Teaching the Adult Learner" Pennsylvania State University Provided a basic understanding of the adult learner and assisted with effective teaching methodologies	2020
"Introduction to World Campus" Pennsylvania State University Designed to provide an introductory look at the process by which a World Campus program and course are developed	2020
"Introduction to Canvas" Pennsylvania State University Designed to build faculty competency in using many features of Canvas	2019
"Essentials of Online Teaching" Pennsylvania State University Designed to provide a solid foundation to practice effective online teaching	2019

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Psychosomatic Society	2013 – present
American Psychological Association Division 2, Society for the Teaching of Psychology Division 38, Health Psychology	2017 – 2022

PRESS/NEWS COVERAGE

Podcast Interviews

"It's Not All in Your Head: The Immune System and Mental Health Connection." *Therapeutic Perspective*. October 21, 2021. https://therapeuticperspective.com/podcast/episode-25-its-not-all-in-your-head-the-immune-system-and-mental-health-connection/

"The Science of Smiling with Dr. Marie Cross." *The Science of Light Podcast.* June 9, 2021. https://www.yogiscopes.com/podcast/16

Blogs

McCarthy, J. (2023, September 3). Smiling: A possible ingredient in creative thinking? *Psychology Today*. https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/the-innovator-nextdoor/202308/smiling-a-possible-ingredient-in-creative-thinking