

TITLE: Covert Stuttering

PRIMARY RESEARCHER: Christopher Constantino, a PhD student in Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of Memphis, is conducting a research study to understand and contextualize the experiences of passing as fluent for people who covertly stutter. This study has been approved by the Institutional Review Board at the University of Memphis and NSARC.

ABSTRACT: There is a paucity of literature about the actual experiences of people who covertly stutter. This study hopes to address that gap by focusing on the lived experiences of people who stutter covertly and seeks to understand the how and why of their experience of coping with stuttering. The purpose of this study is to understand and contextualize the experiences of passing as fluent for people who covertly stutter. The study hopes to address how it is that some people who stutter are able to hide the overt stuttering characteristics and pass as fluent speakers as well as expose the dominant narratives that influence these speakers to hide their stuttering. Individuals who choose to participate will be interviewed in person using semi-structured interviews. These interviews will be transcribed and analyzed qualitatively.

If you are 18 years of age or older and self-identify as a person who covertly stutters please contact Chris Constantino (ccnstntn@memphis.edu). He is willing to travel to hear your story.