

# CURRICULUM VITAE

University of Idaho

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**DATE OF FIRST EMPLOYMENT AT UI:** 19 August 2019

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**DATE OF PRESENT RANK OR TITLE:** 19 August 2019

## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D.            Communication, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (2008)

M.A.            English, Trenton State College (now The College of New Jersey)

B.A.            English / Secondary Education, Kean College (now Kean University)

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2019 – Present      Assistant Professor, Psychology & Communication;  
University of Idaho

2008 – 2019        Senior Lecturer; Department of Psychology & Communication Studies  
Adj. Assistant Professor  
Iowa State University

2014 – 2018        Adj. Assistant Professor; Veterinary Clinical Sciences  
Iowa State University, College of Veterinary Medicine

**TEACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS:****Areas of Specialization:**

Nonverbal Communication; Gaiting Patterns / Object Concealment / 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment; Use of Force Police-Community Member Interactions; Deception Detection; Cognitive Interviewing Strategies; Bias; Communication in Veterinary Medicine

**Courses Taught:**

COMM 233 Interpersonal Communication  
 COMM 359 Communication Research Methods  
 COMM 404 Communication and Mediation  
 COMM 410 Conflict Management  
 COMM 421 Nonverbal Communication

**Students Advised:**

- Dashiell Tyler (graduated May 2023)
- Luke Sturgeon (graduated May 2021)

**MENTORSHIP*****POST-DOCS***

- Dr. Dominick Atkinson
- Dr. Laure Brimbal
- Dr. Courtney Plante

***GRADUATE STUDENTS***

- Dashiell Tyler (Human Factors Masters student, University of Idaho)
- Luke Sturgeon (Human Factors Masters student, University of Idaho)
- Lanmiao He (PhD student Social Psychology Co-Chair)
- Thomas Eckert (PhD student Counseling Psychology; committee member)
- Alison Lovett (PhD student Social Psychology; committee member)
- Anthony Miller (GA Social Psychology)
- Darin Van Ryswyk (Drake University, EdD; outside committee member)
- Joshua Hale (M.S. computer science; committee member.)
- Brandon Kleindinst (M.S. Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies (Social Science))

**UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTS (PSYC 494/499; COMM 494/499)**

- The Human Behavior and Perception, 9 RAs FA 2021
- The Human Behavior and Perception Lab averages 19 RAs per semester SP/FA 2020
- The Human Behavior and Perception Lab averages 15 RAs per semester FA2019

**UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROGRAM MENTORSHIP (University of Idaho)**

1. Alexis Bruegeman-Browning (2023 – 2024)
2. Connor Claphan (2021- 2022)

3. Maggie McGvern (2021 – 2022)
4. Dashiell Tyler (2020 - 2021)

### **NSF REU Program - Summer 2015**

1. Sarah Beadle (Grinnell College)
2. Nancy Gu (Cornell University)
3. Alex Hornick (University of Tennessee)

### **Courses Developed:**

1. ComSt 450 Nonverbal Communication Seminar
2. LAS 103 Honors Seminar: Nonverbal Communication, Hostile Intent, and Deception
3. LAS 103 Honors Seminar: Nonverbal Communication and Procedural Justice

### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

2020	Olsson Early Career Award, University of Idaho
2014	Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, Psychology Department, Iowa State University

**SCHOLARSHIP ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** (Including scholarship of teaching and learning, artistic creativity, discovery, and application/integration)

### **PUBLICATIONS (\*grant supported; ^post-doc; ^^student co-author)**

McClure, K.A., Sweet, D.M., & ^Atkinson, D.J. (2023). Before and after George Floyd and Breanna Taylor: Citizen perceptions of a ‘reasonable officer’ standard. Online first, *Psychology, Law & Crime*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1068316X.2023.2279335>

\*Sweet, D.M., Quigley-McBride, A., Meissner, C.A., & ^Ringstad, K. (2023). Perceptions of movement patterns and concealment detection in naïve observers and law enforcement officers: A Lens Model analysis. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 50(3), 351-373. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00938548221140360>

Sweet, D.M., Gentile, D., ^He, L. (2023) Communication apprehension and willingness to communicate in veterinary medical students: Implications for mindfulness and communication training. *Health Communication*, 38(1), 41-49. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10410236.2021.1930881>

Gentile, D., Sweet, D.M., ^He, L., & ^Lewis, A. (2020). Caring for others cares for the self: An experimental test of brief downward social comparison, loving-kindness, and interconnectedness contemplations. *Journal of Happiness Studies*, 1-14. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10902-019-00100-2>

Plante, C., Sweet, D.M., & Groves, C. A (2018). “A silver lining”: Violent media, perceptions of a dangerous world, and campus safety intervention. *Journal of Threat Assessment and*

*Management*, 5(2), 75-83. <https://psycnet.apa.org/doi/10.1037/tam0000095>

- \*Sweet, D.M., & Burzette, R. (2018). Development of The Nonverbal Cues of Interpersonal Violence Inventory: Law enforcement officers' perceptions of nonverbal behavior and violence. *Criminal Justice & Behavior*, 45(4), 519-540.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0093854817753019>
- \*Sweet, D.M., Meissner, C.A., & Atkinson, D.J. (2017). Assessing law enforcement performance in behavior-based threat detection tasks involving a concealed weapon or device. *Law and Human Behavior*, 4(15), 411-421.  
<https://psycnet.apa.org/doi/10.1037/lhb0000243>
- \*Aditya, S., Baral, C., Bartholomew, M., Hastings, J., Inclezan, D., Lee, J., Lumpkin, B., Nguyen, H. Scherl, R., Sweet, D.M., Ye, J. (2015) Integrating statistical and logical approaches in recognizing social constructs from textual conversations. Proceedings from *Proceedings of the 2015 Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Human Language Technologies* (pp. 1293 – 1298)
- \*Sweet, D.M. (2009). Nonverbal cues to deception (Embargoed; funders did not grant permission to publish).
- \*Sweet, D.M., & Pazian, M.P. (2009). The Body Action Coding System (BACS): A methodological approach for assessing hostile intent (Embargoed; funders did not grant permission to publish).
- \*Sweet, D.M., et al. (2009). Is it what you say? Detecting deception in responses to speculative questions. (Embargoed; funders did not grant permission to publish).
- \*Sweet, D.M. et al. (2008). Posture and deception (Embargoed; funders did not grant permission to publish).

### **INVITED PAPERS**

Sweet, D.M. (Dec. 2021). The importance of communication education in veterinary medicine. PetVet Magazine <https://www.petvetmagazine.com/the-importance-of-communication-education-in-veterinary-medicine/>

### **UNDER REVIEW (\*grant supported; ^post-doc; ^^student co-author)**

- \*Sweet, D.M., Meissner, C.A., Brimbal, L., & Atkinson, D. The utility of representational gestures for assessing credibility in interrogative contexts. *Journal of Memory and Applied Cognition*
- Sweet, D.M., Burzette, R., Carnevale, J., & Allenspach, K. Context of care in veterinary medicine: Evaluating predictors of intention to seek veterinary care during an acute onset vomiting episode. (under review Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association)

**WORKING MANUSCRIPTS (\*grant supported; ^post-doc; ^^student co-author)**

\*Sweet, D.M., & ^^Tyler, D., & ^Atkinson, D. The effect communication channel and training on discriminating veracity (data analysis complete and being double checked; manuscript outlined)

\*Sweet, D.M., Tyler, D., & Claphan, C. The effect of restricted and unrestricted hand movements on veracity judgments in interrogative contexts (data collection likely complete; prelim analyses began)

Sweet, D.M., Gentile, D. A., & ^Kim, E.L The Development and validation of a mindful communication measure: Challenges and opportunities (*data analyses / ms drafting*)

Sweet, D.M., & Carnevale, J. Communication in the veterinary primary care intake (*data analysis*)

Sweet, D.M., & Thorsteinson, T. Examining the predictive ability of the Theory of Planned Behavior and an individual difference model for predicting compliance with masks and vaccinations (*data analyzed; ms outlined*)

**WHITE PAPERS**

Sweet, D.M., & Meissner, C. A. (2018). Reviving the Myth of Nonverbal Behavior: The Utility of Representational Gestures for Assessing Credibility in Interrogative Contexts (prepared for FBI/HIG BAA-15F06718R0006603)

Sweet, D.M., Morris, A., & Vogel, D.L. (2012). Identifying Patterns of Behavior: Recognizing Intention through Visible Behavior in High-Risk/High-Consequence Environments (prepared for Iowa State Proof of Concept Presidential Initiative, *invited for full proposal*)

Sweet, D.M., & Vogel, D.L. (2012). Mitigating errors in depression screening and diagnosis: Facial affect, body language, and language as communicative markers for depression (prepared for Iowa State Proof of Concept Presidential Initiative, not invited for full proposal)

Sweet, D.M. & Morris, A. (2012). Body language as cues to aggressive behavior (prepared for IARPA)

**APPLICATION**

- Expert Witness, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Aug / Sept 2018
- Expert Witness, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts (November 2021)

**RESEARCH GRANTS & CONTRACTS (EXTERNAL)**

- 2021 National Science Foundation (\$528,178; pending). *Threat in Dynamically Evolving Circumstances: Examining Police and Citizen Perceptions of Force Escalation*. (Co-PI, in collaboration with Kimberley McClure, Western Illinois University; not funded)
- 2021 Russell Sage Foundation (\$174,237; pending). *Race as a Diagnostic Cue for Police-Citizen Use-of-Force and Reasonable Office Decisions*. (Principal Investigator; not funded; invited to resubmit)
- 2020 National Science Foundation (\$418,644; not funded; invited to resubmit). *Threat in Dynamically Evolving Circumstances: Examining Police and Citizen Perceptions of Force Escalation* (Co-PI, in collaboration with Kimberley McClure, Western Illinois University; not funded)
- 2018 U.S. Department of Justice (FBI/HIG) (\$668,746; funded). *Reviving the Myth of Nonverbal Behavior: The Utility of Representational Gestures for Assessing Credibility in Interrogative Contexts*. (Principal Investigator, in collaboration with Christian Meissner, Iowa State University)
- 2013 The Motorola Solutions Foundation (\$11,000; funded). *Recognizing Hostile Intent Through Nonverbal Communication in Emotionally-Charged High-Risk/High-Consequence Situations*. (Principal Investigator)
- 2011 Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity (IARPA) (\$1,420,173; funded) *Integrating Machine Learning and Knowledge Representation for Discovery of Social Goals of Groups and Group Members from their Language usage*. (Key Personnel / Co-PI; PI: Chitta Baral, Arizona State University)
- 2008 Naval Research Laboratory (\$100,000; funded). *Developing a Body Action Coding System for Machine Learning*. (Principal Investigator)

### **RESEARCH GRANTS (INTERNAL)**

- 2023 University of Idaho, Undergraduate Research Program (\$1,000). *Factors that Influence Diagnostic Testing for Canine Companions During an Acute Onset Vomiting Episode* (Faculty Supervisor)
- 2022 University of Idaho, Undergraduate Research Program (\$1,000). *Deception Detection Through Restricted and Unrestricted Movement Patterns* (Faculty Supervisor)
- 2021 University of Idaho, Undergraduate Research Program (\$1,000). *Detecting Deception Through Different Communication Channels*. (Faculty Supervisor)
- 2019 University of Idaho, Olsson Early Career Award (\$11,963.26). *Decision Making & Bias: A Behavior-Based Approach to Detecting a Concealed Weapon*. (Principal Investigator)

- 2016 Iowa State University (\$750). Well-Being in Veterinary Medicine. (Faculty Supervisor)
- 2016 Iowa State University Presidential Initiative (\$96,000; top 5). *Identifying Patterns of Behavior: Recognizing Intention through Visible Behavior in High-Risk/High-Consequence Environments*. (Principal Investigator, in collaboration with Alison Morris, Iowa State University)

### **INVITED TALKS & COLLOQUIA**

#### **Threat, Person Perception, Decision Making, Nonverbal Behavior**

Western Illinois, Department of Psychology (SP2022)  
 Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (2018, June)  
 ASIS, International, Iowa Chapter (2018, June)  
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 Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (2016, Feb)  
 Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (2015, June)  
 Iowa State University Honors Salon (2014, Oct)

#### **Deception**

Federal Bureau of Investigation / High Value Detainee Interrogation Group (2021, July)  
 Deception Society (2021, July)  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation / High Value Detainee Interrogation Group (2019, Nov)  
 Big 12 Audit Conference (2016, May)  
 Iowa State University Honors Salon (2014, Sept)  
 Boone County Sheriff's Dept (2011, Sept)

#### **Nonverbal Communication, Conflict Management, Positive Outcomes**

North Carolina Mediator's Association (2021, Dec.)  
 New Jersey Mediator's Association (2021, Sept.)  
 Iowa State University's Professional & Scientific Conference (2018, Feb)  
 Iowa State University's Professional & Scientific Conference (2017, Feb)  
 Iowa State University's Dean of Students Annual Retreat (2017, Jan)  
 Big 12 Audit Conference (2016, May)  
 Iowa State University's Professional & Scientific Conference (2016, Feb)  
 Iowa State University, College of Veterinary Medicine, Women & Leadership (2016, March)  
 Iowa State University's Professional & Scientific Conference (2015, Feb)  
 Iowa State University's Professional & Scientific Conference (2014, Feb)  
 Kappa Psi Phi Fraternity Dinner (2011, Oct)

#### **Communication & Well-being, Mindful Communication, Mindfulness**

Iowa State University's Air Force ROTC (2017, Feb)  
 Iowa State University's Army ROTC (2016, Nov)

National Alliance on Mental Health, Iowa Chapter (2015, Feb)

**SELECTED REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (\*graduate student;  
\*\*undergraduate student)**

**2021 – Present**

\*\*Tyler, D., Claphan, C., & Sweet, D.M. (2023 April) Reviving the Myth of Nonverbal Communication: The Utility of Representational Gestures for Assessing Credibility in Interrogative Contexts and Across Communication Channels (Panel; The Northwest Communication Association Conference, Coeur D’Alene, ID)

Claphan, C., McGovern, M., & Sweet, D.M. (2022 April) Discriminating Truthful Accounts from Fabricated Accounts: Perceptions of Deception When Hands are Restricted and Unrestricted (Poster presented at the University of Idaho Undergraduate Research Symposium, Moscow, ID)

\*\*Tyler, D., Sweet, D.M., & Atkinson (2021 May) Detecting Deception Through Different Communication Channels (Poster presented at the University of Idaho Undergraduate Research Symposium, Moscow, ID)

**2015 - 2020**

McClure, K., Wheeler, C.B., Sweet, D.M., & Brownfield, C.R. (2019, March). Professional Research Pool for Criminal Justice Science One Year Later (Paper presented at the American Psychology-Law Society, Portland, OR)

Sweet, D.M., & Burzette, R. (2018 September). What’s In a Name? The Relationship between Race and Gender and Nonverbal Behaviors Perceived to Precede Interpersonal Violence (Paper presented at The Midwest Criminal Justice Association Conference, Chicago, IL)

Sweet, D.M., Gentile, D. A., & \*Stone, W. (2018 February). The development of a mindful communication measure: Challenges and opportunities (Paper presented at The Western States Communication Conference, Santa Clara CA)

\*He, L., Sweet, D.M., & Gentile, D. (2017, November) A preliminary investigation: Communication apprehension and well-being in veterinary medical students (Paper presented at the National Communication Association, Dallas, TX)

\*He, L., Sweet, D.M., Gentile, D. (2017, August) Mindfulness and consumerism: The connection to buying behavior and life satisfaction (Poster presented at the American Psychological Association annual conference, Washington, DC)



Sweet, D.M., & Meissner, C.A. (2015, March). *“It’s a Bomb!” Detection of nonverbal cues associated with attempts to conceal an unstable device* (Paper presented at American Psychology-Law Society, San Diego, CA)

### **2007 – 2014**

Sweet, D.M., & Vogel, D. (2012, November) *Behavioral methods for assessing depression: Facial affect and body language cues*. Paper presented at National Communication Association, Orlando, FL.

Sweet, D.M., & Pazian, M. (2012, November) *Facial affect as markers of depression*. Paper presented at National Communication Association, Orlando, FL.

Svetieva, E., & Sweet, D.M. (2010, November) *Deception and the body: Replicating, improving and extending analyses of bodily movement in deception*. Paper presented at National Communication Association, San Francisco, CA.

Sweet, D.M. & Mokros, H.B. (2009, November). *An Exploratory Microanalysis of Mutuality during Father-son Play*. Paper presented at National Communication Association, Chicago, IL.

Frank, M.G., Menasco, M.A., Sweet, D., & Pazian, M. (2007, August). *Behavioral methods and paradigms for understanding deception*. Paper presented at Symposium entitled: *Methodological and technological advancement in lie detection: Implications for law enforcement and the legal system*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA August 16-20, 2007.

Sweet, D.M. & Menasco, M. (2007, May). *Beliefs about body posture and deception*. Paper presented at International Communication Association, San Francisco, CA.

Aragona, D., Hurley, C., & Sweet D. M. (2007, May). *Is it what you say? Detecting deception in responses to speculative questions*. Paper presented at International Communication Association, San Francisco, CA.

### **DEPARTMENTAL / UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

#### **University of Idaho**

- Coordinator, Communication Program (2023 – present)
- Search Committee Chair, Communication (Fall 2023 – present)
- Search Committee, Psychology & Communication (2022-2023)
- Communication Program Committee (2019 – present)
- Scholarship Committee (2021 – Present)
- Department Bylaws Committee (2020 – Present)
- Graduate Program Committee (2020 - Present)
- Academic Hearing Board (2020 – 2023)

**Iowa State University**

- College of Veterinary Medicine, Clinical Skills Coordinator Search Committee (2015)
- College of Veterinary Medicine, Curriculum Committee (2014 – 2018)
- College of Veterinary Medicine, Communication Area Coordinator (2014 – 2018)
- Destination Iowa State Faculty Facilitator (2012 – 2015)
- Faculty Search Committee, Communication Studies (2011)
- Faculty Chairperson, Undergraduate Research Symposium (2009 – 2015)
- Faculty Co-Adviser, Communication Studies Club (2008 – 2012)

**APPLICATION, PROFESSIONAL, & GOVERNMENT SERVICE**

- 2018 - Present Expert Witness, 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment / Daubert Hearings (Defense)
- 2018 – Present Reviewer, Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance
- 2011 Hearing on Behavioral Science and Security: Evaluating TSA’s SPOT Program
- 2010 – 2012 Advertising Research Foundation, Independent Reviewer for Neuromarketing Methods
- 2008 – 2021 Member TSA Behavioral Scientist Advisory Board

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH / ENGAGEMENT**

- Envision Idaho, University of Idaho (Spring 2023, Fall 2023)
- Research Leadership Development Academy, University of Idaho (2022)
- Proposal Development Academy, University of Idaho (2020)
- Athena Member (mentorship program), University of Idaho (2019 – Present)
- Virtual Technology & Design Entrepreneurship Mentor for “Nonverbal Communication in the Classroom” Project Team
- C.O.T. (Crowd Observation Team), Iowa State University Police Department (2011 – 2019)
- Fuel Up First!, Des Moines Police Department (2017 – 2019)
- Student Welfare Team, Iowa State University Police (2016 – 2021)
- Barks at Parks, Therapy Dog Volunteer (2015 – 2019)
- Member, Board of Directors, Cyclone Country Kennel Club (2017 – 2019)

**MEDIA**

**Undark:** What Can Body Language Really Tell Us [link](#)

**Salon:** What Can Body Language Really Tell Us [link](#)

**First to Post:** Do Nonverbal Cues Say Anything Useful About People When the Stakes are

High [link](#)

**Ames Tribune:** ISU Studying Officers' Response to Concealed Threats [link](#)

**River to River, IPR / All Things Considered, NPR:** Study Suggests Police Officers Unable To Consistently Spot Concealed Weapons, Bombs [link](#)

**Buzzfeed:** The Way TSA Agents Profile You At The Airport Is Not Based On Legit Science, Report Says [link](#)

**Science Daily:** Detecting a Concealed Weapon or Threat is Not Easy, Even for Experienced Police Officers [link](#)

**ISU News Service:** Detecting a concealed weapon or threat is not easy, even for experienced police officers [link](#)

**ISU Daily:** ISU Police, ROTC help professor research suspicious behavior detection [link](#)

**ISU Daily:** Studying Body Language Can Help Students with Job Interviews [link](#)

**ISU Daily:** Lecturer Specializes in Lie Detection Techniques [link](#)

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- National Communication Association
- American Psychological Association
- The American Society for Criminology
- Association of Threat Assessment Professionals