

# **CURRICULUM VITAE**

University of Idaho

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**RANK OR TITLE:** Assistant Professor

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

**DATE OF TENURE:** (Year or untenured)

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

## **EDUCATION BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL:**

**Ph.D. in Communication,** Rutgers University

**M.A. in English,** Trenton State College

**B.A. in English/Secondary Education,** Kean College

## **EXPERIENCE:**

Assistant Professor, University of Idaho

2019 – present

Adj. Assistant Professor, Iowa State University

2012 – 2019

Adj. Assistant Professor, Iowa State University

The College of Veterinary Medicine

2014 - 2018

Lecturer, Iowa State University

2008 – 2012

Part-time Lecturer, Rutgers,

The State University of New Jersey

2003 – 2007

Graduate Assistant, Rutgers,

## **TEACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

### **Areas of Specialization:**

Nonverbal Communication; Deception Detection; Object Concealment; Bias; Use of Force

**Courses Taught:**

COMM 233 Interpersonal Communication

COMM 359 Communication Research Methods

COMM 421 Nonverbal Communication

**Students Advised:****MENTORSHIP*****POST-DOCS***

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

***GRADUATE STUDENTS***

- Dashiell Tyler (Masters student, University of Idaho)
- Luke Sturgeon (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 Lab averages 19 RAs per semester SP/FA 2020
- The Human Behavior and Perception Lab averages 15 RAs per semester FA2019

**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

**Honors and Awards:**

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

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

## PUBLICATIONS

1. **Sweet, D.M.**, Gentile, D., He, L. (2021) Communication apprehension and willingness to communicate: inv veterinary medical students: Implications for mindfulness and communication training. *Health Communication*, 3 June online ahead of print, 1-9.
2. \***Sweet, D.M.**, Quigley-McBride, A., Meissner, C.A., & Ringstad, K. Perceptions of movement patterns and concealment detection in naïve observers and law enforcement officers: A Lens Model analysis [under review; *Criminal Justice and Behavior*]
1. **Sweet, D.M.**, Mc-Clure, K.A., & Atkinson, D.J. Public Perceptions of Officer Force Escalation Before and After George Floyd: The Effects of Race and Nonverbal Cues to Aggression (under review, *Law and Human Behavior*)
2. Gentile, D., **Sweet, D.M.**, He, L., & Lewis, A. (2019). 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.
3. 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.
4. \***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.
5. \***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.
6. \*Aditya, S., Baral, C., Bartholomew, M., Hastings, J., Inclezan, D., Lee, J., Lumpkin, B., Nguyen, H. Scherl, R., **Sweet, D.M.**, Ye, J. (in press) Integrating statistical and logical approaches in recognizing social constructs from textual conversations. *Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence*.
7. **Sweet, D.M.** (2009). Nonverbal cues to deception (Embargoed).  
**Sweet, D.M.**, & Pazian, M.P. (2009). The Body Action Coding System (BACS): A methodological approach for assessing hostile intent (Embargoed).  
**Sweet, D.M.**, et al. (2009). Is it what you say? Detecting deception in responses to speculative questions. (Embargoed).
8. **Sweet, D.M.** et al. (2008). Posture and deception (Embargoed).

\*Indicates publication resulting from external funding

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

1. **\*Sweet, D.M., & Meissner, C.A.** Reviving the myth of nonverbal behavior: The utility of representational gestures for assessing credibility in interrogative contexts [*Journal of Applied Research in Memory and Cognition; manuscript drafted*]
2. **Sweet, D.M., Gentile, D. A., & Stone, W.** The development of a mindful communication measure: Challenges and opportunities [*manuscript drafted; editing for publication review*]

## WHITE PAPERS

1. **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; invited to full proposal; funded*)
2. **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*)
3. **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*)
4. **Sweet, D.M. & Morris, A.** (2012). Body language as cues to aggressive behavior (*prepared for IARPA*)
5. **Sweet, D.M.** (2011). Identifying patterns of behavior: Recognizing intention through visible behavior in high-risk/high consequence environments. (*prepared for DARPA*)
6. **Sweet, D.M., & Pazian, M.** (2011). Hostile intent: identifying behavioral patterns of threat. (*prepared for TSA*)
7. **Sweet, D.M.** (2009). Identifying behaviors linked to explosive threat emplacement. (*Prepared for Naval Research Laboratory*)

## APPLICATION

- Expert Witness, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Aug / Sept 2018
- Expert Witness, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Date, TBD)

## EXTERNAL FUNDING

1. **NSF: Threat in Dynamically Evolving Circumstances: Examining Police and Citizen Perceptions of Force Escalation; [NSF; Role: Co-PI; Award: \$418,644; not funded]**
1. **FBI/HIG.** Project title: Reviving the Myth of Nonverbal Behavior: The Utility of Representational Gestures for Assessing Credibility in Interrogative Contexts. **Role: PI.** Award: **\$668,746** [Y1, \$211,186 Oct 1, 2018 – Sept 30, 2021; OY1-OY2 \$457,560 Oct 1, 2021 – Sept 30 2023]
2. **Motorola Solutions Foundation.** Project title: Recognizing Hostile Intent Through Nonverbal Communication in Emotionally-Charged High-Risk/High-Consequence

Situations. **Role:** PI, **Award: \$11,000.** [Oct 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014]

3. **Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity (IARPA) Project title:** Integrating Machine Learning and Knowledge Representation for Discovery of Social Goals of Groups and Group Members from Their Language Usage. **Role:** key personnel, PI: Chitta Baral, Arizona State University, **Award: \$1,420,173** [ISU Sub-award amount: **\$20,000**]
4. **Naval Research Laboratory Project title:** Developing a Body Action Coding System for Machine Learning **Role:** PI, **Award: \$100,000** [completed May 2010]
5. **DARPA BAA 11-32-SSIM Project title:** The Good Stranger: Social Interaction Skills and Traits for Effecting Positive Outcomes **Role:** PI, Award \$3,138,044 [not funded – ranked in top 5]
6. **DARPA BAA 11-34: I20 Project title:** Identifying Patterns of Behavior: Recognizing Intention through Visible Behavior in High-risk/High Consequence Environments **Role:** PI, Award \$399,624 [not funded – ranked in top 5]

#### INTERNAL FUNDING (Iowa State University)

1. **Undergraduate Research Grant**, Detecting Deception Through Different Communication Channels; Faculty Supervisor; Dashiell Tyler, undergraduate student; Award: \$1,000
2. **Olsson Early Career Award**, Decision Making & Bias: A Behavior-Based Approach to Detecting a Concealed Weapon; Award: \$11,963.26 [May 2020 – April 2021]
3. **Graduate Learning Communities (GLC)**, Well-Being in Veterinary Medicine (Lead Instructor: Dawn M. Sweet); Award: \$750 [Aug 2016 – May 2017] [Iowa State University]
4. **ISU Presidential Initiative: Project Title:** Identifying Patterns of Behavior: Recognizing Intention through Visible Behavior in High-Risk/High-Consequence Environments. **Role:** Co-PI (**requested amount:** \$96,000) [SP2016; not funded – ranked in top 5] [Iowa State University]
5. **Conference Travel Award**, Department of Communication, Rutgers University [2005 – 2008]
6. **Conference Travel Award**, Graduate School of New Brunswick, Rutgers University [2003 - 2004]

**Grants and Contracts Awarded:** (provide principal and co investigators, title, sponsor, funding dates, amount)

**Invited Talks:**

<p>1. <i>New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators</i></p> <p>Nonverbal Communication: Implications for the Mediation Process</p>	September 2021
<p>2. <i>Deception Research Society</i></p> <p>“He’s carrying a gun!” Can police officers reliably detect behavior-based cues of concealment, <i>presented by Dawn M. Sweet and Christian A. Meissner</i></p>	July 2021
<p>3. <i>Western Illinois University</i></p> <p><i>Implicit Bias and Perceptions of Nonverbal Behaviors in Police-Citizen Interactions</i></p>	Fall 2019
<p>4. <i>Association of Threat Assessment Professionals and ASIS International</i></p> <p>(1) Law enforcement perceptions of nonverbal behaviors preceding imminent interpersonal violence</p> <p>(2) Nonverbal behavior and threat detection</p>	June 2018
<p>5. <i>ISU’s Professional &amp; Scientific Conference</i></p> <p>Nonverbal communication and achieving positive outcomes</p>	February 2018
<p>6. <i>ASIS International</i></p> <p>Imminent interpersonal violence: Law enforcement’s perceptions of nonverbal communication preceding violence</p>	June 2017
<p>7. <i>ISU’s Professional &amp; Scientific Conference</i></p> <p>Communication and conflict: Why can’t we all just get along (Or can we!)</p>	February 2017
<p>8. <i>Air Force ROTC</i></p> <p>Mindfulness, mindful communication, emotion, and nonverbal</p>	February 2017
<p>9. <i>ISU’s Dean of Students Annual Retreat</i></p>	January 2017

Mindful communication, nonverbal communication, emotions, and achieving positive outcomes	
10. <i>Iowa Veterinary Medical Association</i> Why can't we all just get along? How nonverbal communication and emotion are implicated in interpersonal conflict	September 2016
11. <i>Big 12 Audit Conference</i> Listen to my body talk: Implications of nonverbal behavior during the audit interview	May 2016
12. <i>Association of Threat Assessment Professionals</i> Nonverbal communication and threat assessment	February 2016
13. <i>Women &amp; Leadership Group, ISU College of Veterinary Medicine</i> Bullying in the workplace and verbal aggression	March 2016
14. <i>ISU's Professional &amp; Scientific Conference</i> Nonverbal communication and mindfulness in the workplace	February 2015
15. <i>National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)</i> Nonverbal behavior in a non-clinical population	February 2015
16. <i>ISU's Professional &amp; Scientific Conference</i> Nonverbal communication and mindfulness in the workplace	February 2014
17. <i>ISU Honors Salon</i> The role of nonverbal communication in detecting deception	September 2014
18. <i>ISU Honors Salon</i> "It's a Bomb!" Detection of nonverbal cues associated with attempts to conceal an unstable device	October 2014
19. <i>Kappa Psi Phi Fraternity Dinner</i> Nonverbal communication	October 2011
20. <i>Boone County Sheriff's Department</i> Nonverbal communication, deception, and hostile intent	December 2011

**REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (\*graduate student)**

1. 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)
2. **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)
1. **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)
2. 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)
3. 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)
4. **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)
5. **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.
6. **Sweet, D.M.**, & Pazian, M. (2012, November) *Facial affect as markers of depression*. Paper presented at National Communication Association, Orlando, FL.
7. 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.
8. **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.
9. 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.
10. **Sweet, D.M.** & Menasco, M. (2007, May). *Beliefs about body posture and deception*. Paper presented at International Communication Association, San Francisco, CA.
11. 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.
12. **Sweet, D. M.** & Mokros, H. B. (2006, November). *Decision making in interaction: A microanalysis of a father and son's activity during moment-to-moment play interaction*. Paper presented at National Communication Association Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.



13. **Sweet, D.M.** & Kevoe, H.A. (2005, November) *A five-year review of family communication*. Paper presented at National Communication Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA.
14. **Sweet, D.M.** (2005, November) *From theory to research to practice and back: Detecting deception and police training*. Paper at National Communication Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA.
15. **Sweet, D.M.** (2004, May) *Developing and sharing knowledge: The use of narrative in family-physician encounters during critical care decision making*. Paper presented at International Communication Association, New York, NY.
16. **Sweet, D.M.** (2004, April) Panel Chair. *Linking theory to practice: A systematic investigation of deception*, Presented at New Jersey Communication Association, Trenton, NJ.

## **SERVICE:**

**Major Committee Assignments:** (National, State, District, County, University, College, Departmental and dates)

- Communication Studies Program (FA2019 – present)
- Graduate Program (present)
- Academic Hearing Board (2020 – 2023)
- P&T Committee, FA2019

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- National Communication Association
- American Psychological Association
- Association of Threat Assessment Professionals
- The American Society of Criminology
- Midwestern Criminal Justice Association

## **OUTREACH SERVICE**

1. **Consultant, VTD Capstone**
  - a. **Classroom Management Project**
  - b. **Anti-Bribery Project**
2. **C.O.T. (Crowd Observation Team), Iowa State University Police**
  - a. ISU PD task force created to monitor behavior and to identify suspicious behavior during home football games and large scale campus events
3. **Fuel Up First!**
  - a. Partnership with Des Moines Police Dept; program designed to feed students at East High School in Des Moines; my role is to assist with funding; shape the message; and work with DM PD to build relationships with community members

#### 4. Student Welfare Team

- a. ISU PD task force created to do welfare checks and ensure student well-being during stressful points of each semester

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

#### 1. Barks at Parks

- a. During Dead Week in the fall and spring semesters Parks Library at Iowa State University invites members of the community with either therapy dogs or dogs with their Canine Good Citizen title to bring their dogs to the library so students can de-stress by interacting with canine friends and their handlers.

#### 2. Member, Board of Directors, Cyclone Country Kennel Club

#### 3. Chair, Curriculum Committee, Cyclone Country Kennel Club

### MEDIA

#### 1. Salon: What Can Body Language Really Tell Us:

[https://www.salon.com/2020/10/13/what-can-body-language-analysis-really-tell-us\\_partner/](https://www.salon.com/2020/10/13/what-can-body-language-analysis-really-tell-us_partner/)

#### 2. First to Post: Do Nonverbal Cues Say Anything Useful About People When the Stakes are High: <https://www.firstpost.com/tech/science/do-non-verbal-cues-say-anything-useful-about-people-when-the-stakes-are-high-8909581.html>

#### 3. Undark: What Can Body Language Really Tell Us

<https://undark.org/2020/10/07/body-language-analysis/>

#### 4. Ames Tribune: ISU Studying Officers' Response to Concealed Threats

<http://www.amestrib.com/news/20170818/isu-studying-officers8217-response-to-concealed-threats>

#### 5. River to River, IPR / All Things Considered, NPR: Study Suggests Police Officers Unable To Consistently Spot Concealed Weapons, Bombs

<http://iowapublicradio.org/post/study-suggests-police-officers-unable-consistently-spot-concealed-weapons-bombs#stream/0>

#### 6. BuzzFeed: The Way TSA Agents Profile You At The Airport Is Not Based On Legit Science, Report Says

[https://www.buzzfeed.com/danvergano/tsa-under-fire?utm\\_term=.xs8OA1vY7#.njgpO8gZv](https://www.buzzfeed.com/danvergano/tsa-under-fire?utm_term=.xs8OA1vY7#.njgpO8gZv)

#### 7. Science Daily: Detecting a concealed weapon or threat is not easy, even for

experienced police officers

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2017/08/170815121453.htm>

8. **ISU News Service:** Detecting a concealed weapon or threat is not easy, even for experienced police officers

<https://www.news.iastate.edu/news/2017/08/15/threatdetection>

9. **ISU Daily:** ISU Police, ROTC help professor research suspicious behavior detection

[http://www.iowastatedaily.com/news/image\\_42fe262c-2a2b-11e3-a5f2-0019bb2963f4.html](http://www.iowastatedaily.com/news/image_42fe262c-2a2b-11e3-a5f2-0019bb2963f4.html)

10. **ISU Daily:** Studying Body Language Can Help Students with Job Interviews

[http://www.iowastatedaily.com/special\\_sections/article\\_3a18beb0-2eec-11e0-bac6-001cc4c03286.html](http://www.iowastatedaily.com/special_sections/article_3a18beb0-2eec-11e0-bac6-001cc4c03286.html)

11. **ISU Daily:** Professor Utilizes Twitter to Benefit Students

[http://www.iowastatedaily.com/news/article\\_fdde2b18-403b-11e0-b4bf-001cc4c03286.html](http://www.iowastatedaily.com/news/article_fdde2b18-403b-11e0-b4bf-001cc4c03286.html)

12. **ISU Daily:** Lecturer Specializes in Lie Detection Techniques

[http://www.iowastatedaily.com/news/article\\_863c0e4f-3ff1-582c-8b5e-c41621d81449.html](http://www.iowastatedaily.com/news/article_863c0e4f-3ff1-582c-8b5e-c41621d81449.html)

## DISTINCTIONS

- **U.S. House of Representatives:** Research on terrorism      April 6, 2011  
used as testimony:  
*Hearing on Behavioral Science and Security: Evaluating  
TSA's SPOT Program*
- Member TSA Behavioral Scientist Advisory Board      2008 - 2012
- Advertising Research Foundation, Independent      2010 - 2012  
Reviewer for neuromarketing methods
- Iowa State University, Member of Graduate Faculty      2010 – 2019