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Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Communication Arts and Sciences **August 2024**
The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA GPA 3.94
Dissertation: *Channeling Support Across Modalities: The Role of Modality Switching and Communication Interdependence in Shaping Supportive Outcomes within Mixed-Media Friendships*
Advisor: Dr. Andrew High

M.A. in Communication Studies **May 2019**
University of Delaware, Newark, DE GPA 3.97
Major: Communication Studies
Thesis: *Modality Orientation: Examining individual differences in beliefs toward modality switching on the communication interdependence perspective*
Advisor: Dr. Scott Caplan

B.A. in Interpersonal Communication **May 2017**
University of Delaware, Newark, DE GPA 3.80
Distinctions: Cum Laude

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2024- Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, PSU, University Park, PA
 Responsibilities include a 2/2 teaching load and independent research.
- 2019-2024 Graduate Assistant, PSU, University Park, PA
 Responsibilities included various teaching and research assignments.
- 2021-2022 Assistant Director of Graduate Instruction, PSU, University Park, PA
 Responsibilities included orienting graduate instructors on the basic course, assisting graduate instruction, and organizing public speaking contests.
- 2017-2019 Graduate Assistant, University of Delaware, Newark, DE
 Responsibilities included 2/2 teaching load and various coursework.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Awards

- 2023-2024 Harold F. Martin Graduate Assistant Outstanding Teaching Award, The Graduate School, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2021-2022 Kathryn DeBoer Distinguished Teaching Award, Department of Communication Arts and Sciences, The Pennsylvania State University

Research Support

- 2024 Departmental Research Grant, \$2,500, *The Consortium on Moral Decision-Making seed grant for interdisciplinary research*, Pennsylvania State University, Rock Ethics Institute

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Buehler, E. M., High, A. C., Bishop, R. E., Johnson, J.D., Lee, D. A., Lilly, A. E., & **Sweeney, K.** (October, 2023). Examining the attributional links between message quality and outcomes of emotional support received on Facebook. *Communication Studies*.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10510974.2023.2269643>
- Lee, D. L., Cruz, S. M., **Sweeney, K.**, & Bishop, R. E. (September, 2023). Seeking support via mediated channels: The roles of impression goals, stigma, severity, and perceived affordances. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/02654075231197606>
- Shen, L., Li, S. S., **Sweeney, K.**, & Lee, D. (April, 2023). Re-visiting hope as a discrete emotion and its role in Persuasion. *Communication quarterly*, 1-20.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/01463373.2023.2203827>
- Holbert, R. L., Hardy, B. W., Park, E., Robinson, N. W., Jung, H., Zeng, C., . . . **Sweeney, K.** (2018). Addressing a statistical power-alpha level blind spot in political- and health-related media research: Discontinuous criterion power analyses. *Annals of the International Communication Association*, 42(2), 75-92.
doi:10.1080/23808985.2018.1459198

Book Chapters

- Sweeney, K.**, Lee, D.A., & High, A.C. (February, 2024). Modern friendships: Mixing multiple media and affordances. In *Modern Relationships: The Evolution of Romance, Friendship, and Family*. Oxford University Press.

Manuscripts in Preparation (Data Collection Completed)

- Sweeney, K.**, Julien, C., & Lee, D. A. Looking for love in mediated places: Channel choice and affordances significantly affect relational outcomes of romantic couples.

- Sweeney, K.**, Medd, L., & Lee, D. A. Complexity with media multiplexity: A Meta-analytic review of the relationship between media use and social relationships.

Conference Presentations

Sweeney, K., Medd, L., & Lee, D. A. (November, 2022). *Complexity with media multiplexity: A meta-analytic review of the relationship between media use and social relationships.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA.

Sweeney, K., Julien, C., & Lee, D. A. (November, 2021). *Looking for love in mediated places: Channel choice and affordances significantly affect relational outcomes of romantic couples.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Seattle, WA.

Shen, L., Li, S., **Sweeney, K.,** & Lee, D. A. (November, 2021). *Re-explicating hope as a discrete emotion and its role in persuasion.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Seattle, WA.

Sweeney, K. & Caplan, S. (May, 2019). *Modality orientation: Examining individual differences in beliefs toward modality switching.* Paper on *Communication Beyond Boundaries* panel for 2019 ICA Conference in Washington D. C.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Director of Graduate Instruction

2021-2022 The Pennsylvania State University

Assistant Course Director for Effective Speaking (CAS 100)
CAS 602, Supervised Experiences in College Teaching (Teaching Assistant) - 1x

2018-2019 University of Delaware

Assistant Course Director for Oral Communication in Business (COMM212)

Undergraduate Courses Taught

2019 – The Pennsylvania State University

CAS 203, Interpersonal Communication (Instructor of Record) - 5x
CAS 283, Communication and Info Technology (Instructor of Record) - 1x
CAS 283, Communication and Info Technology (Teaching Assistant) - 1x
CAS 100, Effective Speaking (Instructor of Record) - 9x

2017-2019 University of Delaware

COMM212, Oral Communication in Business (Instructor of Record) - 5x

SERVICE

Service to the Department at Penn State

2020-2023 Graduate Forum, President - 2x
2021-2022 Civic Engagement Public Speaking Contest, Co-manager of the contest
2020- Civic Engagement Public Speaking Contest, Judge

Service to the Discipline

- 2023- Peer Reviewer, International Communication Association (ICA)
- 2023- Peer Reviewer, National Communication Association (NCA)
- 2021- Peer Reviewer, *New Media and Society*