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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. **Ph.D. Social Psychology**, 2020-2025
(*expected*) Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
Advisor: Diana Sanchez, Ph.D.
- B.S. **B.S. (*Summa Cum Laude*) Honors in Psychology**, 2019
St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY
Gender & Sexuality Studies Minor; Biology Minor
Undergraduate Thesis: Men's Implicit Objectification of Women and its Connection to Sexual Aggression
Advisor: Mark Oakes, Ph.D.

RESEARCH GRANTS

- \$138,000 Graduate Research Fellowship, *National Science Foundation*, 2022
\$500 Clara Mayo Grant, *Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues*, 2022

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Wetzel, G. M.** & Sanchez, D. T. (2022). Heterosexual young adults' experience with and perceptions of the orgasm gap: A mixed methods approach. *Psychology of Women Quarterly*, 46(2), 131-146.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/03616843221076410>
Views/Downloads: 502. Altmetric Attention Score: 3. View the full article [here](#).
- Wetzel, G. M.**, Cultice, R. A., & Sanchez, D. T. (2022). Orgasm frequency predicts desire and expectation for orgasm: Assessing the orgasm gap within mixed-sex couples. *Sex Roles*, 86, 456-470.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11199-022-01280-7>
Views/Downloads: 971. Altmetric Attention Score: 196 (Top 5%). View the full article [here](#).

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Wetzel, G. M., Sanchez, D. T., & Cole, S. (Under review). Feasibility cues during a sexual encounter impact the strength of heterosexual women's orgasm goal pursuit.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Wetzel, G. M., & Sanchez, D. T. Can the orgasm gap be fixed? The relationship between gender essentialism, biological justification for the orgasm gap, and immutability beliefs.

Wetzel, G. M. & Sanchez, D. T. What are young people asking about sex? Assessing sex education needs in middle and high school students.

Wetzel, G. M. & Sanchez, D. T. Challenging biological justifications for the orgasm gap: Implications for immutability and gender essentialist beliefs.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Wetzel, G. M., Cultice, R. A., & Sanchez, D. T. (2021, November). *Women's orgasm frequency predicts women's desire and expectation for orgasm: Assessing the "orgasm gap" within dyadic mixed-sex couples*. Oral presentation given at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS).

Wetzel, G. M., Cultice, R. A., & Sanchez, D. T. (2021, February). *Stress, loneliness, and COVID threat severity as predictors of sexual well-being during the COVID-19 pandemic*. Data blitz presented virtually at the Sexuality Pre-Conference for the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP).

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Wetzel, G. M., Sanchez, D. T., & Cole, S. (anticipated 2022, November). *Feasibility cues during a sexual encounter impact the strength of women's orgasm goal pursuit*. Poster to be presented virtually at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS).

Wetzel, G. M. & Sanchez, D. T. (2022, February). *Can the orgasm gap be fixed? The relationship between sexism, sexuality lay beliefs, and attitudes towards the orgasm gap*. Poster presented virtually at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP).

Wetzel, G. M. & Sanchez, D. T. (2021, August). *College students' experience with and perceptions of the "orgasm gap" in new and familiar contexts*. Poster presented virtually at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association (APA).

Wetzel, G. M. (2019, March). *I'd like to thank the academy – for racial bias?: Racial bias in the judgment of rap music*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association (EPA), New York, NY.

Wetzel, G. M. (2018, September). *I'd like to thank the academy – for racial bias?: Racial bias in the judgment of music*. Poster presented at the meeting of the New York Six Liberal Arts Consortium (NY6), Canton, NY.

Wetzel, G. M. & Collins, E. (2017, January). *Cattle for conservation: 'Bomas' for improved savannah ecosystems*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Integrative & Comparative Biology (SICB), New Orleans, LA.

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2022 Research Excellence Award, Social Psychology Area, Rutgers University, \$200
Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Excellence Award, Social Psychology Area, Rutgers University, \$200
Service Excellence Award, Social Psychology Area, Rutgers University, \$200
Graduate Funding Award, Social Psychology Area, Rutgers University, \$250
Travel Funding Award, School of Graduate Studies, Rutgers University, \$395
- 2021 Human Sexuality Summer Intensive Financial Aid Award, Kinsey Institute, \$500
- 2019 Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society
Daniel F. Sullivan Leadership Award, St. Lawrence University
James H. L. Roach Outstanding Senior Major Award, Psychology Department, St. Lawrence University, \$100
- 2018 Student Research Funding, Academic Affairs, St. Lawrence University, \$600
Student Research Funding, Psychology Department, St. Lawrence University, \$400
Student Research Stipend, St. Lawrence University Fellowship, \$3,500
Research Funding, St. Lawrence University Fellowship, \$600
Psi Chi Psychology Honor Society
- 2017 Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society
- 2016 Outstanding First Year Student Award, St. Lawrence University
- 2015 - 2019 Momentum Scholarship, St. Lawrence University, \$140,000

INVITED TALKS & GUEST LECTURES

Wetzel, G. M. (2022, April). *Feasibility cues during a sexual encounter impact women's orgasm goal pursuit*. Research talk presented virtually at Rutgers University's Social Area Colloquium Series, New Brunswick, NJ.

Wetzel, G. M. (2021, November). *The Orgasm Gap: Scientific Research and Societal Implications*. Guest lecture presented virtually at the University of Connecticut, Stamford, CT.

Wetzel, G. M. (2021, October). *Sexual Communication and the Orgasm Gap*. Guest lecture presented virtually at California State University, Fullerton, CA.

Wetzel, G. M. (2021, July). *Reproductive Health Paint Night: Discussion on Orgasm Equality*. Virtual event hosted by Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic, Smithtown, NY.

Wetzel, G. M. (2020, March). *Sexual & Orgasm Equity*. Guest lecture presented virtually at St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY.

Wetzel, G. M. (2019, April). *Men's implicit objectification of women and its connection to sexual aggression*. Research talk presented at the Festival of Science, Scholarship, & Creativity at St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY.

Wetzel, G. M. (2018, April). *Let's Talk about Sex: The Reality of the Sexual Pleasure Disparity*. Talk presented at TEDxStLawrenceU event at St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

August 2021 – present Lab Manager
Close Relationships, Identity, & Stigma Lab
Rutgers University

July 2019 – June 2020 Community Sexual Health Educator
Education & Training Department
Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic, Inc.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Course Instructor, Rutgers University, Psychology Department
Summer 2022 *Psychology of Sex and Gender*
Summer 2021 *Psychology of Sex and Gender* (Teacher Rating: 5.0/5.0)

Recitation Instructor, Rutgers University, Psychology Department
Fall 2020 *Quantitative Methods in Psychology*

Teaching Assistant, Rutgers University, Psychology Department
Fall 2020 – Spring 2022 *Social Psychology* (3x)
General Psychology (2x)
Abnormal Psychology
Organizational & Personnel Psychology

Teaching Assistant, St. Lawrence University, Psychology Department
Spring 2019 *Research Methods in Psychology*
Fall 2018 *Social Psychology*
Fall 2017 *Research Methods in Psychology*

MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Honors Thesis Advisor, Rutgers University, Psychology Department
2022-23 Kate Dickman
Harrison Pauwels

Independent Research Advisor, Rutgers University, Psychology Department
2022 Kate Dickman, *Cooper Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship*, \$4,000
Harrison Pauwels, *Cooper Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship*, \$4,000

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION

Fall 2022 Rutgers Diversifying Psychology Day
Event Co-Founder and Co-Organizer

Fall 2021 – present Psychology Department Faculty Diversity & Climate Committee
Graduate Student Representative

Fall 2020 – present Social Area Graduate Student Diversity & Climate Committee
Member

Spring 2021 – present Pride Center of New Jersey
Support Group Facilitator

TRAININGS

Sexuality Subject Area

2021 Human Sexuality Summer Intensive Program, *Kinsey Institute, Indiana University*
Pleasure, Desire, & Orgasm Master Class, *Everyone Deserves Sex Ed (EDSE)*

Statistical/Methodological

2020 Data Science: R Basics, *HarvardX, Harvard University*

Teaching/Mentorship

2021 Designing Your Own Course: Course, *Teaching Assistant Project (TAP), Rutgers University*
Introduction to College Teaching: Course, *TAP, Rutgers University*
Teaching a Summer Course: Workshop, *TAP, Rutgers University*
Effective Mentoring of Undergrads: Workshop, *School of Graduate Studies, Rutgers University*

2020 Designing Online Tests and Assignments: Workshop, *TAP, Rutgers University*
Developing a Teaching Portfolio: Workshop, *TAP, Rutgers University*

SERVICE

Fall 2020 – present *Ad Hoc Reviewer*
Social Psychological and Personality Science (SPPS)
Psychology of Women Quarterly (PWQ)

Fall 2021 – Spring 2022 *President*
Psychology Department Social/Health Area Graduate Student Organization,
Rutgers University

Fall 2021 – Spring 2022 *Graduate Student Representative*
Social Area, Psychology Department, Rutgers University

Spring 2022 *Graduate Student Liaison*
Recruitment Weekend, Psychology Department, Rutgers University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Psychological Association (APA)
Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)
Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS)
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Wetzel, G. M., Suwinyattichaiorn, T., & luvbites.co (Producer). (2021, October). *Luvbites by Dr. Tara Podcast: Orgasm* [Spotify Audio Podcast].

Wetzel, G. M., LaMagna, L., & Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic (Producer). (Uploaded 2020, 14 May). *Facebook Live Chat with a Sex Educator: Orgasm Gap* [Facebook Live Video].
<https://www.facebook.com/PlannedParenthoodHudsonPeconic/videos/529144814424686>

Wetzel, G. M. & Gershoni, A. (Producer). (Uploaded 2019, 14 July). *Beyond Consent* [SoundCloud Audio Podcast].
<https://soundcloud.com/mirandagershoni/beyond-consent-podcast?fbclid=IwAR2Yq9WXexY2RWLhMWy3c6cQ5b9BgpLhF2mASryFaRYiPgEBmhpSJmeXKnY>

Wetzel, G. M. & TEDxStLawrenceU (Producer). (Uploaded 2018, 2 April). *Let's Talk about Sex: The Reality of the Sexual Pleasure Disparity* [Online Video].
https://www.ted.com/talks/grace_wetzel_let_s_talk_about_sex_the_reality_of_the_sexual_pleasure_disparity?language=en
[Over 6 million views to date]

POPULAR PRESS ARTICLES

HealthDay News. (2022, April). Orgasm's key role in women's sexual satisfaction.
<https://consumer.healthday.com/b-4-13-a-better-understanding-of-orgasm-s-role-in-women-s-sexual-satisfaction-2657115125.html>

UPI. (2022, April). Study underscores gap in sexual satisfaction for men, women.
https://www.upi.com/Health_News/2022/04/13/women-orgasm/3581649856730/

U.S. News & World Report. (2022, April). Orgasm's key role in women's sexual satisfaction.
<https://www.usnews.com/news/health-news/articles/2022-04-13/orgasms-key-role-in-womens-sexual-satisfaction>

Body and Soul. (2022, April). Well, this is depressing: New study suggests that the less women orgasm in bed, the less they want to. <https://www.bodyandsoul.com.au/relationships/well-this-is-depressing-new-study-suggests-that-the-less-women-orgasm-in-bed-the-less-they-want-to/news-story/5096d830c1d291beaaa8b85f95067d53>

Daily Mail. (2022, April). What an anti-climax! 'Orgasm gap' between the sexes means women have come to expect less pleasure in bed, study finds. <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-10699637/Women-climax-bed-come-expect-pleasure-study-finds.html>

Neuroscience News. (2022, April). Orgasm gap impacts how much women want one.
<https://neurosciencenews.com/orgasm-gap-women-psychology-20327/>

Rutgers Today. (2022, April). The orgasm gap continues with women expecting less during intimacy.
<https://www.rutgers.edu/news/orgasm-gap-continues-women-expecting-less-during-intimacy>

EDITORIALS

Wetzel, G. M. (2019, 19 April). Feminist Friday: Is Chivalry Dead? *The Hill News*.
<https://thehillnews.org/lp/grace-wetzel/feminist-friday-chivalry-dead>

Wetzel, G. M. (2019, 5 April). Feminist Friday: Pop Culture Feminism. *The Hill News*.
<https://thehillnews.org/lp/grace-wetzel/feminist-friday-pop-culture-feminism>

Wetzel, G. M. (2019, 1 March). Feminist Friday: Weaponizing Victimhood. *The Hill News*.
<https://thehillnews.org/opinions/grace-wetzel/feminist-friday-weaponizing-victimhood>