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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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August 2025 –	Associate Professor of Sociology University of Michigan
July 2020-2025	Assistant Professor of Sociology University of Michigan
July 2018-2020	Postdoctoral Fellow, Inequality in America Initiative Harvard University

## EDUCATION

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2018	PhD in Sociology, University of Illinois Chicago, Graduate Certificate in Gender & Women's Studies  Title: Traumatizing Politics: Legibility and Survivorhood after Domestic Violence Chair: Claire Laurier Decoteau
2013	M.A. Sociology, University of Illinois Chicago
2009	B.A. Women & Gender Studies and English, Washington University in St. Louis, <i>summa cum laude</i>

## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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Gender and sexuality, sociological theory, intersectionality, governance and the state, body and embodiment, gender-based violence, sociology of health and illness

## PEER REVIEWED BOOKS

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Sweet, Paige L. 2021. *The Politics of Surviving: How Women Navigate Domestic Violence and its Aftermath*. University of California Press.

2022 Sex & Gender Section Distinguished Book Award, American Sociological Association  
2022 Theory Prize, American Sociological Association

Reviews: *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *Gender & Society*, *Affilia: Feminist Inquiry in Social Work*

## PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

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\*indicates student or postdoc co-author

Paige L. Sweet and Chiara Cooper. Forthcoming. "'He's a Full-Blown Narcissist': Tracing an Emergent Cultural Narrative in Action." *Social Problems*.

- Cooper, Chiara\* and Paige L. Sweet. Forthcoming. "Daddy Issues and Diagnoses: Gendered Weaponization of Mental Health in Intimate Relationships." *Violence Against Women*.
- Sweet, Paige L. 2024. "Clustered Vulnerabilities: The Unequal Effects of COVID-19 on Domestic Violence." *American Sociological Review* 89(3): 421-448.
- Sweet, Paige L., Maya C. Glenn,\* and Jacob Caponi.\* 2024. "The Domestic Violence Victim as COVID Crisis Figure." *Theory & Society* 53(1): 119-142.
- Decoteau, Claire L. and Paige L. Sweet. 2024. "Vaccine Hesitancy and the Accumulation of Distrust." *Social Problems* 71(4): 1231-1246.
- Sweet, Paige L. 2023. "Organizing Penal-Welfare Hybridity: Trauma, Vulnerability, and State Recognition of Crime Victims." *American Journal of Sociology* 128(6):1678-1715.
- Sweet, Paige L. and Maya C. Glenn.\* 2023. "Sex Education and the Right to Complex Personhood in Relationships." *Sex Education* 23(3): 287-294. Special Issue: "Adventures in Gender and Sexualities Education"
- Underman, Kelly and Paige L. Sweet. 2022. "Counter-Clinical Spaces." *Sociological Forum* 37(1): 155-176.
- Sweet, Paige L. and Danielle Giffort. 2021. "The Bad Expert." *Social Studies of Science* 51(3): 313-338.
- Sweet, Paige L. 2020. "Who Knows? Reflexivity in Feminist Standpoint Theory and Bourdieu." *Gender & Society* 34(6): 922-950.
- Albert, Katelin, Jonah Stuart Brundage, Paige L. Sweet, Frédéric Vandenberghe. 2020. "Towards a critical realist epistemology?" *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour* 50(3): 357-372.
- Sweet, Paige L. 2019. "The Sociology of Gaslighting." *American Sociological Review* 84(5): 851-875.  
2021 American Sociological Association Race, Gender, and Class Section Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Article Award
- Sweet, Paige L. 2019. "The Paradox of Legibility: Domestic Violence and Institutional Survivorhood." *Social Problems* 66(3): 411-427.
- Sweet, Paige L. 2018. "The Feminist Question in Realism." *Sociological Theory* 36(3): 221-243.  
2017 American Sociological Association Shils-Coleman Memorial Award for Best Student Paper in the Theory Section
- Sweet, Paige L. and Claire Decoteau. 2018. "Contesting Normal: The DSM-5 and Psychiatric Subjectivation." *BioSocieties* 13(1): 103-122.  
2020 Honorable Mention American Sociological Association Science, Knowledge, & Technology Star-Nelkin Article Award

Underman, Kelly, Paige L. Sweet, and Claire Decoteau. 2017. "Custodial Citizenship in the Omnibus Autism Proceedings." *Sociological Forum* 32(3): 544-565.

Decoteau, Claire and Paige L. Sweet. 2016. "Psychiatry's Little Other: DSM-5 and Debates over Psychiatric Science." *Social Theory & Health* 14(4): 414-435.

Sweet, Paige L. 2015. "Chronic Victims, Risky Women: Domestic Violence and the Medicalization of Abuse." *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 41(1): 81-105.

2017 American Sociological Association Sex & Gender Distinguished Article Award

Sweet, Paige L. 2014. "'Every Bone of My Body': Domestic Violence and the Diagnostic Body." *Social Science & Medicine* 122: 42-52.

2014 American Sociological Association Body & Embodiment Student Paper Prize

## OTHER ARTICLES

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Sweet, Paige L. 2023. "The Particular and the Provincial: Thinking with Dorothy Smith's Phenomenology." *Sociological Theory* 41(4): 290-300. Special Issue: Dorothy Smith's Legacy of Social Theorizing

Sweet, Paige L. October 2022. "Understanding Gaslighting: The patterns and powers that can undermine someone's sense of reality." *Scientific American*: 56-61.

Reprinted in *Scientific American: Top Science Stories of 2022*

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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Jeremy Levine and Paige L. Sweet. "Who's a 'Good' Victim of Gender-Based Violence? How Policymakers Define Good Victimhood in Victim Compensation Law." Under Review.

Sweet, Paige L., Michelle Cosens, and Emma Tiersten-Nyman. "Maneuvering Systems: How Domestic Violence Survivors Negotiate Gendered Risks in the Institutional Circuit." Under Review.

Roychowdhury, Poulami and Paige L. Sweet. "The Violence of Isolation: The Private Family, Institutional Surveillance, and COVID-19." Under Review.

## GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

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2021-2023      National Science Foundation, Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (Award 2116415), "Domestic Violence During COVID-19." Principal Investigator: Paige Sweet. \$227,104

2021-2023      Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline, American Sociological Association and National Science Foundation, "Crisis Inside and Out: Domestic Violence during COVID-19." \$8,000

2021-2023	Faculty Seed Grant, Institute for Research on Women & Gender, University of Michigan, “Crisis Inside and Out: Domestic Violence during COVID-19.” \$5,000
2018-2020	Harvard University Inequality in America Postdoctoral Fellowship
2016-2017	Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship
2016-2017	Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowship in Women’s Studies [declined]
2015	National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant. \$11,999
2015	Philosophy of Social Sciences Graduate Summer Seminar, Yale University
2016	Alice J. Dan Dissertation Research Award, Center for Research on Women & Gender, University of Illinois Chicago
2016	Chancellor’s Graduate Research Award, University of Illinois Chicago. \$8,000
2015-2016	University Fellowship, University of Illinois Chicago
2015	Rue Bucher Memorial Award for Qualitative Studies, University of Illinois Chicago
2011-2012	University Fellowship, University of Illinois Chicago

## AWARDS

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2025	Henry Russel Award, University of Michigan
2022	American Sociological Association Theory Section, Theory Prize
2022	American Sociological Association Sex & Gender Section, Distinguished Book Award
2022	University of Michigan Sociology Graduate Mentoring Award
2021	American Sociological Association Race, Gender, and Class Section Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Article Award
2021	Honored Instructor Award, University of Michigan
2020	Honorable Mention American Sociological Association Science, Knowledge, & Technology Star-Nelkin Article Award
2018	UIC Graduate College Outstanding Dissertation Award
2018	Gender & Women’s Studies Graduate Prize, University of Illinois Chicago

- 2018 David P. Street Dissertation Prize, Department of Sociology, University of Illinois Chicago
- 2017 American Sociological Association Sex & Gender Distinguished Article Award
- 2017 American Sociological Association Shils-Coleman Memorial Award for Best Student Paper in the Theory Section
- 2014 American Sociological Association Body & Embodiment Student Paper Prize

#### BOOK REVIEWS AND CHAPTERS

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- 2023 Book Review: *Violent Differences: The Importance of Race in Sexual Assault Against Queer Men* by Doug Meyer. *Social Forces* 102(2): e2.
- Book Review: *Conviction: The Making and Unmaking of the Violent Brain* by Oliver Rollins. *American Journal of Sociology* 128(4): 1275-1722.
- 2022 Book Review: *Diagnosing Desire: Biopolitics and Femininity into the Twenty-First Century* by Alyson K. Spurgas. *Gender & Society* 36(2): 291-293.
- 2020 Book Review: *When Time Warps: The Lived Experience of Gender, Racial, and Sexual Violence* by Megan Burke. *Ethnic & Racial Studies* 43(13): 2503-2505.
- 2019 Book Review: *PTSD: A Short History* by Allan V. Horwitz. *History of Psychiatry* 30(3): 379-380.
- 2018 “Chapter 9: Biopolitics.” Pp. 137-153 in *Gender: Time*. Macmillan Interdisciplinary Handbooks. Edited by Karin Sellberg. Macmillan.
- 2017 Book Review: *Some Men: Feminist Allies and the Movement to End Violence Against Women* by Michael A. Messner, Max A. Greenberg, and Tal Peretz. *Social Forces* 95(4): 1-3.

#### INVITED TALKS (selected)

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- 2025 “The Violence of Isolation: The Private Family, Institutional Surveillance, and Covid 19.” With Poulami Roychowdhury. University of California Berkeley, Gender Power Theory Workshop
- “Gendered Risks in the Institutional Circuit: How Domestic Violence Survivors Navigated Systems during COVID-19.” Columbia University and New York University. Carcerality, Law & Punishment Workshop
- 2024 Panel: Gender, Expertise, and the State. Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Toronto.

- 2023 Book Forum, *The Politics of Surviving: How Women Navigate Domestic Violence and its Aftermath*. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- “Paradoxes of Survivorhood.” Northwestern University Sociology Department Colloquium
- “The Effects of COVID-19 on Domestic Violence.” Princeton University, Gender Power Theory Workshop
- “The Effects of COVID-19 on Domestic Violence.” University of Chicago, Critical Social Sciences Initiative Workshop, Department of Sociology
- “Paradoxes of Survivorhood.” University of California San Diego Sociology Department Colloquium
- “Paradoxes of Survivorhood.” University of Arizona Sociology Department Colloquium
- “Paradoxes of Survivorhood.” Cornell University Sociology Department Colloquium
- 2022 Book Forum, *The Politics of Surviving: How Women Navigate Domestic Violence and its Aftermath*. Social Science History Association Meetings, Chicago, IL.
- Book Forum, *The Politics of Surviving: How Women Navigate Domestic Violence and its Aftermath*. Institute for Research on Women & Gender, University of Michigan.
- “Paradoxes of Survivorhood.” University of Pennsylvania Sociology Department Colloquium.
- 2021 “Paradoxes of Survivorhood.” University of Virginia Sociology Department Colloquium.
- “Domestic Violence and the Long Crisis of Systems Involvement.” Harvard University Weatherhead Research Cluster on Comparative Inequality and Inclusion, Symposium on Unsettled Times.
- “Creating the Victim-Protective State.” University of Colorado Culture, Power, and Inequality Workshop.
- 2019 “Paradoxes of Survivorhood: Becoming Legible after Domestic Violence.” Harvard University Culture & Social Analysis Workshop, Department of Sociology.
- “The Sociology of Gaslighting.” Harvard University Inequality in America Initiative, Workshop Series.
- “Paradoxes of Survivorhood.” Drexel University. Science, Technology & Society Colloquium Series.

- 2018 “Paradoxes of Survivorhood: Becoming Legible after Domestic Violence.” Harvard University Sociology Department, Colloquium Series.
- “Engaging Reflexivity, or Why Sociologists Need Feminist Standpoint Theory.” Panel: Philosophy and Sociology in Conversation, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia.
- Panel: “Getting Published in Social Problems.” Society for the Study of Social Problem Annual Meeting, Philadelphia.
- 2017 “The Paradox of Legibility.” Health & Society Series, Institute for the Humanities, University of Illinois Chicago.

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (selected)

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- 2024 “Gendered Risks in the Institutional Circuit: How Domestic Violence Survivors Navigated Systems during COVID-19.” With Michelle Rabaut and Emma Tiersten-Nyman. Gendered Violence, Carcerality, and Social Control, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal.
- 2023 “The Domestic Violence Victim as COVID Crisis Figure.” With Maya C. Glenn and Jacob Caponi. COVID-19 and its Legacies. Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.
- 2022 “The Domestic Violence Victim as COVID Crisis Figure.” With Maya C. Glenn and Jacob Caponi. Action in Unsettled Times, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2021 Discussant, Classifying States, Gender, and the Creation of the Deserving and Undeserving, Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- “Vaccine Skepticism and the Accumulation of Distrust.” With Claire Decoteau. Black Health Matters, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2020 “The Politics of Survivorhood: Therapeutic Governance in the Anti-Violence Movement.” Exclusionary Inclusion, Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA
- 2019 “Inter-field Assemblages: Toward a Relational Explanation of Feminisms and Science.” With Kelly Underman. Feminist Theory & Institutions, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York
- 2018 “The Bad Expert: Turning Points in Expertise Cultures.” With Danielle Giffort. Expertise: Boundaries, Social Science History Association Annual Meeting. Phoenix, AZ. Panel co-organized with Claire Decoteau

- 2017 “Ideology, Bodies, and Trespass Between Critical Realism and Feminist Standpoint Theory.” Junior Theorists Symposium, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal
- 2016 “Technologies of Body and Trauma in the Domestic Violence Agency.” National Women’s Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montreal. Techno-Corporeal Entanglements and Postcolonial Biopolitics Panel, co-organized with Claire Decoteau and Anna Guevarra
- “Trauma and the New Structure of Domestic Violence Survivorhood.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle. Health, Biomedicine, and Social Movements, Medical Sociology Section
- 2015 “Psychiatry’s Little Other: DSM-5 and Debates over Psychiatric Science.” Society for the Social Studies of Science Annual Meeting, Denver, CO. Rethinking Sciences of the Mind Panel. With Claire Decoteau
- “Psychiatry’s Little Other: DSM-5 and Debates over Psychiatric Science.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago. Science, Knowledge, and Technology Section Panel. With Claire Decoteau
- 2014 “Psychiatry’s Little Other: DSM-5 and Debates over Psychiatric Science.” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Toronto. Biologizing Mental Illness Panel. Panel co-organizer with Claire Decoteau
- “‘Every Bone in My Body:’ Domestic Violence and the Body as Diagnosis.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco. Body & Embodiment Section
- 2013 “‘In Somebody Else’s House:’ Domestic Violence Advocacy and the Medicalization of Abuse.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York. Sociology of Diagnosis Panel

## TEACHING

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Courses taught at the University of Michigan:

- #MeToo & Beyond: Gender, Power, and Violence
- Sociology of the Body
- Theory & Practice (graduate)
- Gender-Based Violence
- Sociology of the Body (graduate)

Courses taught at the University of Illinois Chicago:

- Social Problems
- Sociology of Gender
- Race, Class, Gender: Gender-Based Violence

Courses taught at Elmhurst College:

- Sociological Theory



## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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2024--	Council member, ASA Body & Embodiment Section (elected) <i>Theory and Social Inquiry</i> Associate Editor ASA Jessie Bernard Award Committee ASA Nominations Committee (elected)
2023--	<i>American Journal of Sociology</i> Consulting Editor
2023	ASA Theory Section Paper Prize Committee ASA Sex & Gender Section Distinguished Book Award Committee Panel organizer, “Survivors Navigating Systems,” University of Michigan Conference on Ending Sexual Harassment and Gender-Based Violence
2022-2023	Theory Workshop Organizer, University of Michigan Sociology
2022--	<i>Gender &amp; Society</i> Editorial Board member
2022	Presidential Panel organizer, “Gender-Based Violence and State Bureaucracies Across National Contexts.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles. Panel co-organizer, “Mobile Bodies,” Body & Embodiment Section. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles.
2021-2022	Gender & Sexuality Workshop Co-organizer, University of Michigan Sociology
2021-2024	Council member, ASA Theory Section (elected)
2021	Panel organizer, “Sexual Violence & Harassment” Regular Session, ASA
2020	ASA Body & Embodiment Section Nominations Committee
2020	Panel organizer, “Sociology of the Body” Regular Session, ASA
2020	Sally Hacker Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Sex & Gender Section, ASA
2019-2023	<i>Sociological Theory</i> Editorial Board member
2019	Panel organizer, “Unpacking Expertise I, II, & III,” Society for the Social Studies of Science, New Orleans. Co-organized with Luciana de Souza Leão.
2019	Panel organizer, “Sexual Violence & Intersectional Inequalities,” Race, Class, & Gender Section, ASA
2018-2019	ASA Theory Section Nominations Committee
2018	Panel organizer, “Bodies & Violence,” Body & Embodiment Section, ASA
2018	Shils-Coleman Paper Award Committee, Theory Section, ASA
2017-2018	ASA Body & Embodiment Section Council, Graduate Student Representative (elected)
2017	Realist Ethnography Symposium, graduate student organizer
2014-2016	Student Editorial Advisory Board, Social Problems
2015	ASA Body & Embodiment Section Graduate Student Paper Prize Selection Committee
2014-2015	ASA Body & Embodiment Conference Event Planning Committee

Reviewer for: *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *Journal of Health & Social Behavior*, *Gender & Society*, *Violence Against Women*, *Sociological Theory*, *Theory & Society*, *Sociology of Health & Illness*, *BioSocieties*, *Feminist Anthropology*, *Affilia*

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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American Sociological Association, Social Science History Association, Eastern Sociological Society, Sociologists for Women in Society