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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- July 2020 – 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,  
*summa cum laude*

## 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 \*indicates student or postdoc co-author

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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*. DOI: 10.1177/10778012241277894
- 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.

Paige L. Sweet, Michelle Rabaut, and Emma Tiersten-Nyman. "Gendered Risks in the Institutional Circuit How Domestic Violence Survivors Navigated Systems during COVID-19." In preparation.

## 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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- 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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- 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.

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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (selected)

- 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

Courts taught at Elmhurst College:

- Sociological Theory

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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2024-- Council member, ASA Body & Embodiment Section (elected)

*Theory and Social Inquiry* Associate Editor

ASA Jessie Bernard Award Committee

ASA Nominations Committee (elected)

2023-- *American Journal of Sociology* 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-- *Gender & Society* 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 *Sociological Theory* 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