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EDUCATION

- Degree in progress **Ph.D. in Communication**
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- May 2022 **M.A. in Communication**
Baylor University
Concentration in Interpersonal & Organizational Studies
- Thesis: *Applying the theory of motivated information management to sexual relationships between college students*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jessica L. Ford
- May 2020 **B.S. in Business Administration**
Binghamton University, State University of New York
Concentration in Business Analytics
Minor in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
- Binghamton University Presidential Scholar
PricewaterhouseCoopers Scholar

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

Buttgereit, T., **Mendelson, E.**, & Schatz, J.L. (2019). 'Poisoning' masculinity: Poison Ivy as a counter-narrative of villainy and trauma through representations of queer love in DC's "Everyone Love's Ivy." Published in Schatz, J. & Parson, S. (eds.) *Superheroes and Masculinity*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

Book Reviews

Mendelson, E. (drafting, accepted) Book review: Momfluenced: Inside the maddening, picture-perfect world of mommy influencer culture. *New Media & Society*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Mendelson, E. (in revision process) Viral displays of public intimacy: Engagement in TikTok's digital publics as a means of interpersonal sensemaking. *New Media & Society*.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Mendelson, E. (2023, January 11). New year, new porn trends: What was popular in porn in 2022? *Sex and Psychology*. <https://www.sexandpsychology.com/blog/2023/1/11/new-year-new-porn-trends-what-was-popular-in-porn-in-2022/>

Mendelson, E. (2022, December 14). Why is “holiday sex” so popular? *Sex and Psychology*. <https://www.sexandpsychology.com/blog/2022/12/14/why-is-holiday-sex-so-popular/>

Mendelson, E. (2022, November 16). Is love truly blind? The psychology of love at first sight. *Sex and Psychology*. <https://www.sexandpsychology.com/blog/2022/11/16/is-love-truly-blind-the-psychology-of-love-at-first-sight/>

Mendelson, E. (2022, November 9). Say “no” to no nut November: The health benefits of masturbation. *Sex and Psychology*. <https://www.sexandpsychology.com/blog/2022/11/9/say-no-to-no-nut-november-the-health-benefits-of-masturbation/>

Mendelson, E. (2022, October 26). I played OnlyBans, an interactive game about online sex work. Here’s what I learned. *Sex and Psychology*. <https://www.sexandpsychology.com/blog/2022/10/26/i-played-onlybans-an-interactive-game-about-online-sex-work-heres-how-i-did/>

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Mendelson, E. (2023). Sex down South: Religion’s influence on hookup behaviors and uncertainty for college students in the Southern United States. Paper to be presented as poster at the *Sexuality* preconference for *The Society for Personality and Social Psychology 2023 Annual Conference*, Atlanta, GA.

Mendelson, E. (2023). Differences in external consent behavior use when seeking and providing sexual interest during college hookups. Paper to be presented as poster at *The Society for Personality and Social Psychology 2023 Annual Conference*, Atlanta, GA.

Farnworth, M., Khanam, S., **Mendelson, E.** (2023). Problematic integration and managing uncertainty in abortion care and disclosure. Paper to be presented at *73rd Annual International Communication Association Conference*, Health Communication Division, Toronto, CA.

Mendelson, E. (2022). Information-seeking strategies for receiving consent: Applying the theory of motivated information management to sexual relationships between college students. Presented at *National Communication Association 108th Annual Convention*, Interpersonal Communication Division, New Orleans, LA.

Mendelson, E. (2022). Viral displays of public intimacy: The impact of audience participation on romantic relationship content on TikTok. Presented at *National Communication Association 108th Annual Convention*, as part of “TikTok on the Clock: An Investigation into Subject Formation on TikTok” paper session, Human Communication and Technology Division, co-sponsored by the Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division, New Orleans, LA.

Mendelson, E. (2022). Sex before marriage? The impact of religiosity on information management about consent during college hookups. Presented as poster at *The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality 2022 Annual Conference*, Vancouver, BC.

- Mendelson, E.** (2021). Who gets to tell the truth? Legal ramifications of rape myths for sexual assault survivors. Presented as poster at *The Society for Personality and Social Psychology 2022 Annual Conference*, San Francisco, CA.
- Mendelson, E.** (2021). A space for survivors: Collective sensemaking, social media activism, and college sexual assault. Presented as poster at *The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality 2021 Annual Conference*, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Mendelson, E.** (2020). Rhetorics of sexual assault: Crisis communication and Binghamton University. Paper presented at *National Communication Association 107th Annual Convention*, Public Relations Division, Seattle, WA.
- Mendelson, E.,** and Pastreich, E. (2020). Visualizing voyeurism. Presented virtually as part of *Binghamton University Art Museum Student Curatorial Presentations*, Binghamton, NY. Exhibition is available on SCALAR at scalar.usc.edu/works/visualizing-voyeurism/index and presentation is available online [at this hyperlink](#).
- Mendelson, E.** (2020). @ShareYourStoryBing: Social media activism and college sexual assault. Presented on Twitter as part of the *Baylor GSA Twitter Conference*, Waco, TX.
- Mendelson, E.,** Lancia, E. (2020). The more you know: Relationship comfortability and applications of consent. Presented virtually as poster at *2021 Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, at Baylor University's *Fall 2020 Graduate Research Showcase*, and as part of *Binghamton University Research Days* symposium. Poster is available online [at this hyperlink](#).
- Lancia, E., **Mendelson, E.** (2020). Can practice make perfect: Sexual experience and consensual behaviors in hookups. Presented virtually as poster as part of *Binghamton University Research Days* symposium, Binghamton, NY. Poster is available online [at this hyperlink](#).
- Mendelson, E.** (2019). Think hard, talk fast: Competition and the drive to conform in the college policy debate community. Presented as part of "The Ableism of Arguments, Spaces, and Competition in College Policy Debate" panel at the *2019 Pacific/Western Disability Studies Symposium*, Spokane, WA.
- Mendelson, E.** (2019). Sexual (in)accessibility: How legal codes structure violence onto disabled bodies. Presented at "Intersectionality" Roundtable Discussion at *2019 Society for Personality and Social Psychology "Sexual Violence Preconference"*, Portland, OR.
- Mendelson, E.** (2019) Policy v reality: Consent discrepancies in university policy and actual college hookup encounters. Presented as poster as part of *SUNY Undergraduate Research Conference 2019*, Adirondack, NY; *Binghamton University Research Days* and *Psi Chi Research Fair* symposiums, Binghamton, NY.

Mendelson, E., Lancia, E., Lenchner, K., Fok, L. (2019). Reading the signs: Conflicting perceptions of sexual consent among college students. Presented as poster as part of *Binghamton University Research Days* and *Psi Chi Research Fair* symposiums, Binghamton, NY.

Bouman, K., Pagan, K., & **Mendelson, E.** (2019). Breaking down silos and building bridges. Presented as PowerPoint at the *2019 National Collegiate Honors Consortium*, New Orleans, LA.

Mendelson, E. (2018). Sexual (in)capacity: How disabled bodies are ostracized from sex. Presented as poster as part of “Independent Undergraduate Research in the Humanities” symposium at *Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities* and *Binghamton University Research Days* symposium, Binghamton, NY.

Mendelson, E. (2018). To see or not to see: Wearing glasses during hookups. Presented as poster as part of *Binghamton University Research Days* and *Psi Chi Research Fair* symposiums, Binghamton, NY.

Mendelson, E., Desantis, D., Bocanumeth, B. (2017) Finding ‘tinderella’: How digital communication impacts sexual satisfaction. Presented as poster as part of *Binghamton University Research Days* and *Psi Chi Research Fair* symposiums, Binghamton, NY

INVITED TALKS

“Graduate tips for success.” Panel with Dr. Leslie Hahner, Azile Nelson, and Breanne Bates. Graduate Student Orientation, Department of Communication, Baylor University; August 2021.

“Networking for graduate students.” Guest lecture to Baylor University McNair Scholars Program students, Baylor University; July 2021.

“Graduate student panel.” Panel with Rachel Bay and Anna Wells. Baylor University McNair Scholars Program students, Baylor University; July 2021.

FELLOWSHIPS

2022 **Illinois Distinguished Fellowship**
Provides a stipend of \$25,000 for three years of doctoral study, totaling \$75,000 of fellowship support.

2019 **Kaschak Institute Fellowship**
Awarded inaugural grant of \$1,000 by Kaschak Institute for Social Justice for Women and Girls to pursue research about consent and sexual assault.

AWARDS

2023 **List of Teachers Ranked Excellent By Their Students**
Fall 2022 – CMN 111, based on student evaluations.

- 2022 **NCA Student Caucus Travel Grant**
Awarded \$200 for travel to the 2022 National Communication Association as member of the Disability Issues Caucus.
- 2022 **Illinois Communication Friends Travel Support**
Awarded \$800 for travel to the 2022 National Communication Association conference to present a sole-authored paper.
- 2022 **Three Minute Thesis Competition**
Awarded \$100 for winning second place in Baylor University three-minute thesis competition.
- 2021 **Graduate Research Showcase Winner**
Awarded \$200 for presenting the top poster in the social science division of Baylor's 2021 Graduate Research Showcase.
- 2020, 2021 **SPSP Graduate Registration Award**
Covered full extent of registration costs for the 2021 and 2022 Society for Personality and Social Psychology conventions.
- 2020 **Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence**
Awarded to top 0.02% of State University of New York seniors who have best demonstrated integration of academic excellence with other aspects of their lives, such as leadership or career achievement.
- 2019 **President's Award for Undergraduate Student Excellence**
Honors three faculty-nominated juniors with \$1,000 for enriching the Binghamton University community through leadership and accomplishment in academic, campus, and community life.

HONORS

- 2020 **National Debate Scholar, Summa Cum Laude**
Honors students who have competed in at least eighteen College Policy Debate rounds in one season while maintaining a GPA of 3.75 and above.
- 2019 **Outstanding Scholar in Humanities**
Granted by the Binghamton University Scholars Program to the student who best demonstrates breadth and depth of scholarship in the humanities.

TEACHING

- Spring 2023 **University of Illinois At Urbana-Champaign**
CMN 112 (Oral and Written Communication) Instructor of Record
- Fall 2022 CMN 111 (Oral and Written Communication) Instructor of Record

Spring 2020 **Binghamton University Psychology Department**
PSYC 474 (The Psychology of Sex and Gender) Teaching Assistant

Spring 2020 **Binghamton University Scholars Program**
SCHL 281N (Applied Journalism) Teaching Assistant

Fall 2019 SCHL 127 (Thinking Like Leonardo DaVinci) Instructor

Additional Teaching Experience

2020 – Present **Broome County Debate Alliance**
Senior Instructor

2020 – 2022 **Baylor University**
Debate Team Graduate Assistant

2018 – 2019 **The University of Texas at Austin**
National Institute of Forensics Instructor

SERVICE

To the Discipline

Conference Organizing

2023 **Society for Personality and Social Psychology**, Member of *Sexuality* Preconference Organizing Committee

Journal Article Reviewing

2022 **Journal of Social and Personal Relationships**

Award Reviewing

2023 **Society for Personality and Social Psychology**, Student Poster Awards

2022 **Society for Personality and Social Psychology**, Graduate Travel Awards

Conference Paper Reviewing

2023 **George Mason D.C. Health Communication (DCHC 2023)**

2022 **Society for Personality and Social Psychology**, *Sexuality* Preconference

2022 **Western States Communication Association**, Organizational Communication Interest Group

2022 **National Communication Association**, 2022 Annual Conference, Feminist and Women's Studies Division

To the University

Mentoring

2018 – 2019 Transfer Student Mentor, Binghamton University School of Management

2017 – 2018 Student Mentor, Binghamton University Scholars Program

Student Association at Binghamton University

2019 – 2020 Sexual Assault Prevention Intern

2018 – 2019 Community Government Advisor and General Advising
Office of the Vice President for Finance

2017 – 2018 Marketing Office Assistant, Executive Vice President
Director, Marketing and Promotions Department

Binghamton University Speech and Debate Team

2018 – 2020 President

2016 – 2018 Treasurer

To the Debate Community

Leadership

2022 CEDA Awards Committee Member

The Women's Debate Institute

2022, 2023 Community Development Committee Member

2020 Workshop Discussion Leader

2019 Resident Assistant

Policy Debate Tournament Judging

2022 Owen L. Coon Memorial Tournament at Northwestern
Texas Open Debate Tournament
Rutgers University Newark Invitational
FullerTown Debate Tournament
76th Annual National Debate Tournament
CEDA Nationals at George Mason University

2021 Franklin R. Shirley at Wake Forest Debate Tournament
Binghamton University 4th Annual Phyllis Schatz Invitational
Northwestern University Season Opener
CEDA Nationals at West Virginia University
75th National Debate Tournament
Mid America Championship
NDT District 3 Qualifier

Owen L. Coon Memorial Debates
Hoosier Invitational Debate Tournament

2020 Franklin R. Shirley at Wake Forest Debate Tournament
UCO Joe Jackson Debate Tournament
Season Opener at Northwestern University
JV/Novice Nationals Binghamton Debate Tournament
46th Annual Harvard National Forensics Tournament

2019 Lakeland Westchester Classic 2019 High School Debate Tournament
Lexington Winter Invitational High School Debate Tournament

2018 NY Fall Faceoff at Mamaroneck High School
Binghamton Northeast Regional Championship
Pennsbury Falcon Invitational

EDITING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2022 – Present **Sex and Psychology**
Co-Managing Editor
Perform a myriad of editing tasks for the Sex and Psychology Blog by Dr. Justin Lehmler, including drafting new blog content, editing textbook chapters, identifying individuals for podcast episodes, and isolating video and sound clips for social media

Spring 2021 – Present **PopMeC**
Editorial Assistant
Copyedit article drafts for the PopMeC website according to the Chicago Manual of Style to make grammatical changes and content suggestions and format article content

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Spring 2023 **University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**
Research Assistant
Supervisors: Dr. Charee M. Thompson and Dr. Mardia Bishop
Assist in developing cultural competency training for physicians which a specific focus on Black maternal health

Summer 2019 – Spring 2020 **Binghamton University School of Management Graduate Admissions**
Research Assistant
Supervisor: Dr. Ali Alper Yayla
Created instructional materials for data visualization under Dr. Yayla's Data Science Course Development Grant Program for instructors to access when teaching students visualization methods in R, SPSS, Tableau, and Python, processed research on critical data studies, recorded visualizations, and created syllabi for integration in future coursework;

curated PowerPoints on data visualization topics including storytelling with data, color theory, and theory of semiotics

Fall 2019 –
Spring 2020

Binghamton University Art Museum

Exhibit Curator, “Visualizing Voyeurism”

Supervisor: Dr. Claire Kovacs

Curated exhibit on voyeurism and the female nude with pieces selected carefully from the university-owned collection, drafted and edited item labels and introductory panel, and utilized online platform SCALAR to build a website of the exhibition that offers a virtual viewing experience

Summer 2019 –
Spring 2020

Dr. Ellyn Uram Kaschak Institute at Binghamton University

Student Fellow

Researched student-reported consent usage in comparison to NYS Consent Law and SUNY Title IX Policy to be presented to campus administrators and devised educational materials to promote a greater campus-wide understanding of affirmative consent; analyzed data of affirmative consent utilization of over 500 students

Spring 2017 –
Spring 2020

Human Sexuality Lab at Binghamton University

Research Assistant

Supervisors: Dr. Sean Massey, Dr. Ann Merriwether, Dr. Sarah Young, Dr. Melissa Hardesty

Cleaned data from a national survey of over 900 participants, coded qualitative and quantitative data according to research objectives, developed codebooks for data, and visualized findings in Excel and Tableau to present eight different research posters at various conferences, with seven first-authorships

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Summer 2019

Critical Data Visualization Workshop at Purdue University

Workshop Participant

Supervisor: Dr. Vetria Byrd

Practiced Dr. Byrd’s seven steps of data viz under her supervision and visualized data on Tableau based on publicly-available datasets as part of a randomized interdisciplinary research team

AFFILIATIONS

2022 –
Present

International Association for Relationship Research

Student Member

2021 –
Present

National Communication Association

Student Member

2021 –
Present

Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality

Student Member

2021 –
Present

International Academy of Sex Research
Student Member

2021 –
Present

Society for Personality and Social Psychology
Student Member
Sexuality Preconference Organizing Committee (2022)