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**Core Doctoral Faculty,
School of Psychology, Media Psychology Ph.D. Program
Fielding Graduate University (2021-present)**

Education

- Ph.D. The Graduate Center, City University of New York (CUNY)
Social/Personality Psychology, 2021
Concentrations in *Qualitative Methods* and *New Media Studies*.
Dissertation: *Information Justice: The Histories and Futures of
Technology and Social Categories*
Committee Members: Professor Susan Opatow (Chair),
Distinguished Professor Michelle Fine, Professor Maria Torre, and
Professor Jessie Daniels
- M.Phil. The Graduate Center, CUNY. Psychology, 2015
- M.A. The Graduate Center, CUNY. Psychology, 2014
- B.A. University of California, Riverside. Psychology, with Minor in Public
Policy (Cum Laude), 2010

Awards and Fellowships

- 2022 Outstanding Dissertation Award in Media Psychology and Technology,
American Psychological Association, Division 46
- 2019-2021 Technology Fellowship, Macaulay Honors College and John Jay
College of Criminal Justice, CUNY
- 2019-2020 Dissertation Completion Award, The Graduate Center, CUNY
- 2018-2019 Digital Fellows Coordinator, Digital Scholarship Lab, The Graduate
Center, CUNY
- 2016-2018 Senior Digital Fellowship, Digital Scholarship Lab, The Graduate
Center, CUNY

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| 2017 | Psychology Doctoral Student Travel Award, The Graduate Center, CUNY |
| 2012-2017 | Conference Presentation Support Award, The Graduate Center, CUNY |
| 2015-2016 | Digital Fellowship, Digital Scholarship Lab, The Graduate Center, CUNY |
| 2014-2015 | Writing Across the Curriculum Fellowship, Kingsborough Community College, CUNY |
| 2010-2015 | Enhanced Chancellor's Fellowship, The Graduate Center, CUNY |
| 2006-2010 | Chancellor's Scholarship, University of California, Riverside |

Grants

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| 2019 | <i>Justice and Ethics Decision Tool for Social Media Research</i> , Lennihan Arts & Sciences Grant, The Futures Initiative, The Graduate Center, CUNY. \$500 |
| 2018 | <i>Travel Grant, History of Science Society Annual Meeting</i> . National Science Foundation. \$336 |
| 2017 | <i>Institutes for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities: Expanding Communities of Practice</i> (PI Lisa Rhody, The Graduate Center, CUNY) National Endowment for the Humanities. \$246,856 |
| 2017 | <i>Developing the SexGenLab Network</i> (PI Deborah Tolman, Hunter College, CUNY) The Arcus Foundation. \$10,000 |
| 2016 | <i>SexGenLab Network Start-Up Grant</i> Provost's Digital Innovation Grant, The Graduate Center, CUNY. \$4,000 |
| 2016 | <i>NYC LGBTQ Culture and Independent Publishing</i> (Co-PI with Thomas Jackson and Abiezer Benitez) Culpeper Arts & Culture Grant, Rockefeller Brothers Fund. \$100,000 |

Publications

Sweeney, P. (2022). Privacy, justice, and personal digital traces: Implications for psychology and society. *The Amplifier: A Magazine of the Society for Media Psychology and Technology*.

Shemtob, Z.B., Sweeney, P., & Opotow, S. (2018). Conflict and change: New York City's rebirth after 9/11. In S. Opotow, & Z.B. Shemtob, eds., *New York after 9/11* (14-40). New York, NY: Fordham University Press.

Sweeney, P. (2018). Teaching qualitative inquiry to ignite the social psychological imagination. *Qualitative Psychology* 5(2), 275-289. doi: 10.1037/qup0000110

Sweeney, P. (2017) Images of faces gleaned from social media in social psychological research on sexual orientation. In M. Zimmer & K. Kinder-Kurlanda, eds., *Internet research ethics for the social age: New challenges, cases, and contexts* (287-292). New York, NY: Peter Lang. doi: 10.3726/b11077

Sweeney, P. (2017). Gender, versus sex. In K. Nadal, ed., *The SAGE encyclopedia of psychology and gender* (769-771). Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications. doi: 10.4135/9781483384269

Sweeney, P. (2014). Citizenship. In T. Teo, ed., *Encyclopedia of critical psychology* (237-239). New York: Springer. doi: 10.1007/978-1-4614-5583-7_624

Sweeney, P., & Opotow, S. (2013). "Why there?" Islamophobia, environmental conflict, and justice at Ground Zero. *Social Justice Research* 26(4), 492-512. doi:10.1007/s11211-013-0199-6

Manuscripts in Preparation

Sweeney, P. (Under Review). Face-based gaydar: A critical conceptual analysis. *Review of General Psychology*

*Kelley, K., Cutler, B., Tuma, R. & Sweeney, P. (Under Review) Social media, eyewitness identification, and wrongful conviction. In E. Pica, D. Ross, and J. Pozzulo (Eds.), *The Impact of Technology on the Criminal Justice System*. New York: Routledge.

Sweeney, P. (In Preparation). Qualitative Research in Media Psychology. In Shackleford, K. & Bowman, N. (Eds.) *Oxford Handbook of Media Psychology*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

*Kelley, K., Cutler, B., Tuma, R. & Sweeney, P. (In Preparation). Assessing lay conceptions of eyewitness identification in social media.

Sweeney, P. (In Preparation). Cambridge Analytica and psychographic targeting.

Sweeney, P. (In Preparation). Justice and ethics in the use of data from social media.

*Denotes manuscript co-authored with student

Pedagogical Experience

Core Doctoral Faculty, *School of Psychology; Media Psychology Ph.D. Program*,
Fielding Graduate University (2021-present)
Courses taught: Qualitative Research Methods; Social Media Research Methods;
Media, Technology, and Social Identities; Social Psychology; Scholarly Writing;
Dissertation Preparation

Technology Fellow, *Macaulay Honors College*, John Jay College of Criminal Justice,
CUNY (2019-2021)

Digital Fellow, *Digital Scholarship Lab*, Graduate Center, CUNY (2015-2019)

Faculty Liaison, *New Media Lab*, Graduate Center, CUNY (2015-2016)

Graduate Teaching Fellow and Adjunct Instructor, *Psychology Department*, Hunter
College, CUNY (2011-2015)
Courses taught: Social Psychology; Human Sexuality

Writing Across the Curriculum Fellow, *Center for Academic Writing*, Kingsborough
Community College, CUNY (2014-2015)

Invited Presentations and Symposia

Sweeney, P. (2023, September). "Media Psychology histories and futures: FGU and beyond." Invited virtual presentation, *Latin American Congress of Media Psychology*, UNIFE, Lima, Peru.

Sweeney, P. (2022, June). "Technologies of desire: A dialogue on the psychological production of gender and sexuality." Invited presentation, *Sigmund Freud PrivatUniversität Berlin Department für Psychologie (Sigmund Freud University Department of Psychology)*, Berlin, Germany.

Sweeney, P. (2018, November). "Historical foundations and contemporary applications of psychographics in advertising and propaganda." Invited paper presented at *Historicizing Psychographics in the Wake of Cambridge Analytica* roundtable, History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.

Sweeney, P. (2018, June). "Social media research ethics." Invited presentation, *Ethics and Digital Humanities Research* roundtable, Digital Humanities Research Institute, The Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, NY.

Sweeney, P. (2018, April). "The digital Graduate Center." Invited presentation at *Teaching, Learning & Technology Roundtable in Digital Humanities*, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ.

Sweeney, P. (2017, March). Invited discussant, *Designing the Future Roundtable, Curating Knowledge Under Digital Conditions*, Social Science Research Council, Brooklyn, NY.

Sweeney, P. (2015, May). Invited discussant, *Teaching Qualitative Inquiry in Undergraduate Psychology Programs: Contexts, Practices, and Questions*, Society for Qualitative Inquiry in Psychology Annual Conference, The Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, NY.

Sweeney, P. (2013, February). "Feminist ethics in critical participatory action research: OccuPAR in NYC." Invited presentation at *SIMReF, Seminari Interdisciplinar de Metodologia de Recerca Feminista (Interdisciplinary Feminist Research Methods Seminar)*, Pati Llimona Civic Center, Barcelona, Spain.

Conference Presentations and Symposia

Sweeney, P. (2020, August). "Shallow predictions and stable persons: Digital technologies of identity and influence." Paper presented at the *Psychological Technologies and Subjectification of Identity* symposium, American Psychological Association Convention; Washington, D.C.

Sweeney, P. (2019, August). "'Why there?' Urban environmental conflict and the Park51 Islamic community center." Paper presented at the *New York after 9/11* symposium, American Psychological Association Convention; Chicago, IL.

Sweeney, P. (2019, August). "The 'Ground Zero mosque' controversy: Solidarity and inclusion in the face of Islamophobia." Paper presented at the *What Happened After 9/11? Emerging Solidarities After Urban Violence, Destruction, and Trauma* symposium, American Psychological Association Convention; Chicago, IL.

Sweeney, P. (2019, March). "Park51 and urban proximity." Paper presented at the *New York after 9/11: Collaboration, Critical Psychology, and the CUNY Connection* panel at the Critical Psychology Brown Bag series, The Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, NY.

Rhody, L., Aizenmann, H., Chatlosh, K., Hackett, K., Karlin, J., Otero-Peña, J., Rakov, R., Smyth, P., Sweeney, P., & Zweibel, S. (2018, June). "Expanding communities of practice: The Digital Humanities Research Institute model." Poster presented at Digital Humanities 2018: Bridges/Puentes, Mexico City, Mexico.

- Sweeney, P. (2018, April). "Psychometric targeting, demographic fantasies, and information justice." Poster presented at Psychology Research Day, The Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, NY.
- Sweeney, P. (2017, October). "Psychometric publics: Demographic fantasies, unnatural kinds, and information justice." Paper presented at the Association of Internet Researchers conference at the University of Tartu, Tartu, Estonia.
- Sweeney, P. (2017, October). "Images of faces gleaned from social media in social psychological research on sexual orientation." Paper presented at the *Internet Research Ethics for the Social Age – New Challenges, Cases, and Contexts* panel, Association of Internet Researchers conference at the University of Tartu, Tartu, Estonia.
- Sweeney, P. (2017, May). Participant and discussant at *Propaganda and Media Manipulation* symposium, Data & Society Research Institute, New York, NY.
- Sweeney, P. (2016, May). "Technologies of representing sexuality in social media and social science." Paper presentation, *Social Circuits of Sex and Identity* panel, Queer Circuits in Archival Times conference; The Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, NY.
- Sweeney, P. (2015, November). "Ways of seeing sexuality: Resisting the ontological primacy of biology and challenging the oculo-centric imperative." Paper presented at the *Queering Our Methods* panel, Intersectional Provocations: Imagining the Next Chapter of LGBTQ Psychology conference; The Graduate Center, City University of New York; New York, NY.
- Sweeney, P. (2015, August). "Teaching qualitative inquiry to ignite the social psychological imagination." Paper presented at the *Developing Student Competencies Through the Teaching of Qualitative Inquiry* panel, American Psychological Association Convention; Toronto, Canada.
- Sweeney, P. (2015, May). "Discourses of naturalness and unnaturalness in arguments for moral inclusion and exclusion." Paper presented at the Society for Qualitative Inquiry in Psychology Annual Conference; The Graduate Center, City University of New York; New York, NY.
- Sweeney, P. (2015, February). "Looking queer: Toward a critical social psychology of sexuality." Paper presented at the *Critical Re-Imaginations of Psychology and Sexuality* symposium, Congress of Critical Social Psychology: Affect, Embodiment and Politics; Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona; Barcelona, Spain.

- Sweeney, P. (2014, August). "Technology, identity, and ethics: Implications of doing research about lesbian and gay faces in the age of social media." Paper presented at the *Technology, Identity, and Ethics* symposium, American Psychological Association Convention; Washington D.C.
- Sweeney, P. (2014, June). "'Born this way': Implications of naturalness as a condition for inclusion in the scope of justice." Paper presented at the International Society for Justice Research Conference; New York University; New York, NY.
- Sweeney, P. (2014, February). "Surveillance and sexuality: Intersections of privacy, 'public' data, and facial recognition." Paper presented at the Neil Postman Media Studies Conference; New York University, New York, NY.
- Sweeney, P. (2013, September). "Splitting and the justification of oppression: Destabilizing the social psychology of identity." Paper presented at the Critical Ethnic Studies Conference, University of Illinois, Chicago; Chicago, IL.
- Sweeney, P. (2013, April). "From the 'science' of physiognomy to the 'science' of gaydar: Homosexuality and biological determinism." Poster presented at Psychology Research Day, Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, NY.
- Sweeney, P. (2013, February). "The materiality of space and affect: Socioemotional topographies of justice in a conflict over urban space." Paper presented at the Congress of Critical Social Psychology: Discourse, Materiality, and Affect; Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain.
- Sheese, K. & Sweeney, P. (2012, August). "Producing 'illegals': Discourses of economic productivity in constructions of threat and merit." Paper presented at the Marxism and Psychology Conference, Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo, Morelia, Mexico.
- Halkovic, A., Sweeney, P., & Tang, J. (2012, July). "OccuPAR and epistemological activism." Interactive Discussion at Psychologists for Social Responsibility Conference, Trinity Washington University, Washington, DC.
- Sweeney, P. (2012, June). "Securing citizenship: Signifying the legitimacy of Muslim-American speakers in news articles." Poster presented at Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Convention, Charlotte, NC.
- Sweeney, P. (2011, October). "Suspect citizenship and the 'Ground Zero mosque' debate." Paper presented at the *Critical Psychology in Revolt* panel, Critical Refusals Conference, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

Matsuura, K., Munoz-Proto, C., Sweeney, P., & Zeller-Berkman, S. (2012, June). "Between dreams and betrayals: Reflections on a participatory study of the Occupy/Decolonize movements." Interactive Discussion at Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Convention, Charlotte, NC.

Sweeney, P. (2011, March). "The university in crisis: Campus culture, coalitions, & creating change." Paper presented at the Critical Ethnic Studies Conference, University of California, Riverside, Riverside, CA.

Conference and Symposia Organization

Organizer and Chair, Theory dreams: Fevered and fumbling toward conditions for epistemic justice Symposium, *International Society for Theoretical Psychology Conference; University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia.* (2024)

Organizer and Chair, Psychological Technologies and Subjectification of Identity Symposium. *American Psychological Association Convention; Washington, D.C.* (2020)

Co-Organizer, *Activism and the Intersectional Internet: Power and Resistance Conference; The Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, NY.* (2017)

Co-Organizer, *Society for Qualitative Inquiry in Psychology (SQIP) Conference; Ramapo College, Ramapo, NJ.* (2016)

Organizer and Chair, Critical Re-Imaginings of Psychology and Sexuality Symposium. *Congress of Critical Social Psychology; Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain.* (2015)

Co-Organizer, Technology, Identity, and Ethics Symposium. *American Psychological Association Convention; Washington, D.C.* (2014)

Co-Organizer, *Inaugural Society for Qualitative Inquiry in Psychology (SQIP) Conference; The Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, NY.* (2013)

Governance and Service

Member, Learning Community and Technology Committee, Senate Leadership Committee, Fielding Graduate University (2021-present)

Member, Ph.D. Research Methods Curriculum Committee, School of Psychology, Fielding Graduate University (2021-present)

Member, Student Success and Curriculum Committee, Media Psychology Ph.D. Program, Fielding Graduate University (2021-present)

Member, Doctoral Faculty Search Committee, Media Psychology Ph.D. Program, Fielding Graduate University (2021-2022)

Member, Labor, Assessment, and Evaluation Committee, Teaching and Learning Collaboratory, Macaulay Honors College, CUNY (Fall 2019-Spring 2021)

Member, Executive Committee, Critical Social/Personality Psychology, Graduate Center, CUNY (Fall 2014-Spring 2015; Fall 2020-Spring 2021)

Member, GC Digital Fellowship Hiring Committee, The Graduate Center, CUNY (Spring 2018, Spring 2019)

Member, Organizing Group, Graduate Center Digital Initiatives' Digital Research Institutes (Spring 2016 – Winter 2019)

Board Member, OpenCUNY.org Digital Academic Medium, (Fall 2016 – Summer 2017)

Graduate Student Representative, Society for Qualitative Inquiry in Psychology Executive Committee (Spring 2014-Fall 2016)

Member, Critical Social/Personality Psychology Brown Bag Seminar Committee, Graduate Center, CUNY (Summer 2012-Spring 2016)

Member, Planning Group, Graduate Center Digital Initiatives' Inaugural Digital Research Institute (Fall 2015 – Winter 2016)

Co-Chair, Critical Social/Personality Psychology Brown Bag Seminar Committee, Graduate Center, CUNY (Fall 2014-Spring 2016)

Member, Critical Psychology Faculty Search Committee, Graduate Center, CUNY (Fall 2013-Spring 2014)

Member, Admissions Committee, Critical Social/Personality Psychology, Graduate Center, CUNY. (Fall 2013-Spring 2014)

Representative, Doctoral Students Council of the Graduate Center, CUNY (Fall 2013-Spring 2014)

Co-Organizer (with Susan Opotow), Othering, Exclusion, and the Inclusionary Shift Research Seminar, Graduate Center, CUNY (Spring 2013-Spring 2014)

Representative, Graduate Council of the Graduate Center, CUNY (Fall 2012-Spring 2014)

Co-Chair, Critical Social/Personality Psychology Web Committee, Graduate Center, CUNY (Fall 2012-Spring 2013)

Vice Chairperson, West Coast Region, United States Student Association (Summer 2009-Spring 2010)

Member, University of California Student Association Board of Directors (Fall 2009-Spring 2010)

Dissertation Supervision

Chair

- Orin, Edwin. (2023). "Personality Attributes of E-Sports Players." Fielding Graduate University.
- Sanz, Valerie. (In Process). "Virtual Reality Effects on Attitudes Toward Homelessness and Volunteering." Fielding Graduate University.
- Ribicki, Elizabeth. (In Process). "Impact of Digital Images of Nature in Workplace Environments." Fielding Graduate University.
- Zamanabadi, Meisam. (In Process). "Effect of Fake News on Mindfulness in Election Campaign Media Teams." Fielding Graduate University.
- Barker, Sarah. (In Process).

Committee Member

- Andrews, Dorothy. "The Algorithmic Link Between Auto Insurance Pricing and Unfair Discrimination." Fielding Graduate University (2023).
- Baker-Griffin, April. "Impact of Perceived Discrimination on Coping in Dating App Use." Fielding Graduate University (2023).
- Jordan, K. "Pizzagate: A Grounded Theory Content Analysis of Microblogging and Creating Meaning through Sociolinguistics" Fielding Graduate University (2023).
- Correll, Martin. "Volunteer First Responders: Media Effects in a Traumatic Event." Fielding Graduate University (2023).
- Grant, Jay. "An Examination of Digital Capitalizing and its Impact on Belongingness" Fielding Graduate University (2022).
- Poffenroth, M. "Peer-to-Peer Asynchronous Video as an Intervention Strategy to Mitigate Stereotype Threat in Online Asynchronous STEM Gateway Courses." Fielding Graduate University (2022).
- Ryan, Meghann. "Online Bereavement: Using Facebook to Process and Cope with Loss." Fielding Graduate University (2022).
- Ramos, L.C. "Representations of Immigrants in Portuguese Newspapers" Fielding Graduate University (In Process).

Editorial and Review Experience

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| Associate Editor | <i>Psychology of Popular Media</i> (2022-present) |
| Ad Hoc Reviewer | <i>Forum: Qualitative Social Research / Forum: Qualitative Sozialforschung</i> (2015, 2023) <i>Psychology of Popular Media</i> (2021, 2022) <i>Journal of Theoretical Social Psychology</i> (2021) <i>Journal of Interactive Technology and Pedagogy</i> (2018, 2020) <i>Feminism and Psychology</i> (2015) <i>Basic and Applied Social Psychology</i> (2013) <i>Social Justice Research</i> (2013) |
| Conference Reviewer | American Psychological Association (APA) Annual Convention, Washington, DC (2020) Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR) Conference, Montreal, Canada (2018) Activism and the Intersectional Internet: Power and Resistance, The Graduate Center, CUNY (2017) |
| Content Consultant | <i>Psychology in Your Life</i> textbook, W.W. Norton & Company (2015) |
| Curriculum Reviewer | Department of Social Science and Cultural Studies, Psychology of Sex & Gender course, Pratt Institute (2014) |
| Editorial Board | <i>Gayletter Magazine</i> (2017-present) |
| Associate Editor | <i>Gayletter Magazine</i> (2013-2017) |

Professional Affiliations

Society for Media Psychology and Technology (APA Division 46), 2021-present
Association of Internet Researchers, 2016-present
Society for Qualitative Inquiry in Psychology (Section of APA Division 5), 2013-present
American Psychological Association, 2011-present
Psi Chi Honor Society, 2009-present

References

Susan Opotow, Professor of Psychology, The Graduate Center, CUNY & Professor of Sociology, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY (212) 237-8666
sopotow@jjay.cuny.edu

Michelle Fine, Distinguished Professor of Psychology, Urban Education, & Women's Studies, The Graduate Center, CUNY (212) 817-8710 mfine@gc.cuny.edu

Lisa Rhody, Deputy Director of Digital Initiatives, Director of Digital Fellowship Programs, & Director of Digital Humanities Research Institutes, The Graduate Center, CUNY (212) 817-8490 lrhody@gc.cuny.edu