

# DASHA A. YERMOL

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## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D.** Brain, Behavior, and Quantitative Science Program *expected May 2028*  
Department of Psychology, University of Kansas
- M.S.** Brain, Behavior, and Quantitative Science Program *expected Fall 2025*  
Department of Psychology, University of Kansas
- B.A.** Psychology, University of Wisconsin-Madison May 2021  
GPA: 3.8/4.0; Graduated with Distinction  
Honors in College of Letters and Science; Honors in Psychology Major

## HONORS & AWARDS

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- Barbara Schowen Undergraduate Mentor Award** May 2025  
Center for Undergraduate Research, University of Kansas  
One award is presented annually to honor a non-faculty research mentor at the university
- Larry Wrightsman Summer Fellowship** Summer 2025  
Department of Psychology, University of Kansas  
Awarded to psychology graduate students to support research activity during the summer

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- Graduate Student Researcher** August 2023-*Present*  
Affective Communication and Computing Lab  
Department of Psychology, University of Kansas  
Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey Girard
- Graduate Student Researcher** Spring 2025-*Present*  
Emotions in Context Lab  
Department of Psychology, University of Kansas  
Advisor: Dr. Katie Hoemann
- Lab Manager** July 2021-July 2023  
Infant Learning Lab  
Department of Psychology, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Advisor: Dr. Jenny R. Saffran
- Research Assistant** September 2019-May 2023  
Niedenthal Emotions Lab  
Department of Psychology, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Advisors: Dr. Paula M. Niedenthal and Dr. Ryan S. Hampton

- **Undergraduate Senior Honors Thesis:** “Face Masks Hinder Our Ability to Recognize Facial Expressions of Emotion”

### **Research Assistant**

September 2018-May 2021

Language and Cognitive Neuroscience Lab

Department of Psychology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Advisor: Dr. Maryellen MacDonald

## **TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Research Mentor**

- Jimin Yoo, *Undergraduate Student* Fall 2023-Spring 2025  
Senior Thesis Student, Spring 2025  
Affective Communication and Computing Lab, University of Kansas
- Helenna Shcherbinin, *Undergraduate Student* Fall 2024-Spring 2025  
Senior Thesis Student, Spring 2025  
Affective Communication and Computing Lab, University of Kansas
- Saeid Mohammadipour, *Undergraduate Student* Fall 2023-Spring 2024  
Affective Communication and Computing Lab, University of Kansas
- Andrew Dennis, *Undergraduate Student* Fall 2023-Spring 2024  
Affective Communication and Computing Lab, University of Kansas
- Felix Gabay, *Undergraduate Student* Spring 2025  
Affective Communication and Computing Lab, University of Kansas
- Alexander O’Dell, *Undergraduate Student* Spring 2025  
Affective Communication and Computing Lab, University of Kansas
- Anna Rifkin, *Undergraduate Student* Fall 2022  
Biology Independent Project, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Martina Napoli, *Undergraduate Student* Spring 2023  
Biology Independent Project, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Howard Owens, *Undergraduate Student* Summer 2023  
Letters and Science Summer Research Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison

### **Mathematics, Chemistry, and ACT Tutor**

October 2021-July 2023

Galin Education, Madison, Wisconsin

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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Girard, J. M., **Yermol, D. A.**, Bylsma, L. M., Cohn, J. F., Fournier, J. C., Morency, L., & Swartz, H. A. (2025). Dynamic and Dyadic Relationships between Facial Behavior, Working Alliance, and Treatment Outcomes during Depression Therapy.

Langbehn, A. T., **Yermol, D. A.**, Zhao, F., Thorstenson, C. A., & Niedenthal, P. M. (2022). Wearing N95, Surgical, and Cloth Face Masks Compromises the Perception of Emotion. *Affective Science*, 3, 105-117.

## ORAL PRESENTATIONS

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**Yermol, D. A.** & Hampton, R. S. (2022, October). *Do you Know Your Role? Examining How Role Induction Shapes Values and Self-Perception*. Invited talk at the Niedenthal Emotions Lab.

**Yermol, D. A.** & Niedenthal, P. M. (2021, April). *Face Masks Hinder Our Ability to Recognize Facial Expressions of Emotion*. Flash-talk presented at the Undergraduate Research Symposium, Senior Honors Thesis Symposium, and Psychology Student Thesis and Research Showcase at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

**Yermol, D. A.**, Langbehn, A. T., Martin, J. D., & Niedenthal, P. M. (2020, July). *Validating the Situational Meaning of Functionally Distinct Smiles*. Presented at the annual Sophomore Research Apprenticeship Retreat at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

## CONFERENCE POSTER PRESENTATIONS

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**Yermol, D.A.**, Sutley, E.J., & Duncan, W.L. (2024, April). *Who Receives FEMA Individual Assistance After Disasters?* Poster presented at the ARISE (Adaptive and Resilient Infrastructure driven by Social Equity) and the KDSC (Kansas Data Science Consortium) conferences.

**Yermol, D.A.** & Girard J.M. (2024, March). *Does Smile Synchrony Predict Working Alliance Quality in Psychotherapy?* Poster presented at the Society for Affective Science conference.

**Yermol, D. A.**, Ruba, A. L., & Saffran, J. R. (2022, March). *Do Preverbal Infants Map Emotion Words to Emotion Displays?* Poster presented at the annual Society for Affective Science conference.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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<b>Student Committee Secretary</b> Society for Affective Science	Spring 2021-Present
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## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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<b>Statistical</b>	Data Cleaning   Data Visualization   Data Analysis: GLM, ANOVA, WCC, MDS R   Python   SPSS Statistics
<b>Software</b>	Qualtrics Survey Software   Microsoft (Excel, PowerPoint, Word)   Praat Speech Analysis   Computer Expression Recognition Toolbox (CERT)   Davinci Resolve Video Editing   Tobii Eye Tracking   Prolific   Amazon Mechanical Turk
<b>Research</b>	Laboratory   Self-Report Surveys   EEG   Eye-Tracking   Sentiment Analysis   Corpus Analysis   Web Scraping   Natural Language Processing