

DASHA A. YERMOL

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EDUCATION

- 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 Summer 2026
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

- George Kellas Travel Award** March 2026
Brain, Behavior & Quantitative Science Program, University of Kansas
Awarded to psychology graduate students in the BBQ Program to support travel to conferences
- 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

- 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

Research Mentor

- Reese Bowman, Undergraduate Student
Emotions in Context Lab, University of Kansas
Spring 2026-Present
- Alora Wilder, Undergraduate Student
Emotions in Context Lab, University of Kansas
Spring 2025-Spring 2026
- Jimin Yoo, *Undergraduate Student*
Senior Thesis Student, Spring 2025
Affective Communication and Computing Lab, University of Kansas
Fall 2023-Spring 2025
- Felix Gabay, *Undergraduate Student*
Affective Communication and Computing Lab, University of Kansas
Spring 2025
- Alexander O'Dell, *Undergraduate Student*
Affective Communication and Computing Lab, University of Kansas
Spring 2025
- Helenna Shcherbinin, *Undergraduate Student*
Senior Thesis Student, Spring 2025
Affective Communication and Computing Lab, University of Kansas
Fall 2024-Spring 2025
- Saeid Mohammadipour, *Undergraduate Student*
Affective Communication and Computing Lab, University of Kansas
Fall 2023-Spring 2024
- Andrew Dennis, *Undergraduate Student*
Affective Communication and Computing Lab, University of Kansas
Fall 2023-Spring 2024
- Howard Owens, *Undergraduate Student*
Letters and Science Summer Research Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Summer 2023
- Martina Napoli, *Undergraduate Student*
Biology Independent Project, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Spring 2023

- Anna Rifkin, *Undergraduate Student*
Biology Independent Project, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Fall 2022

Mathematics, Chemistry, and ACT Tutor
Galín Education, Madison, Wisconsin

October 2021-July 2023

PUBLICATIONS

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. *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*, 93(11), 749.

Girard, J. M., **Yermol, D. A.**, Salah, A. A., & Cohn, J. F. (2025). Computational Analysis of Expressive Behavior in Clinical Assessment. *Annual Review of Clinical Psychology*, 22.

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

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.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Wilder, A., Bowman, R., & **Yermol, D.A.** (2026, April). *Comparing Wearable Devices and their Validity in Psychological Research*. Poster presented at the Symposium for Undergraduate Psychology Engagement and Research (SUPER).

Yoo, J., **Yermol, D.A.**, Burke, T.A., Liu, R.T., & Girard, J.M (2025, April). *Externalizing and Internalizing Symptoms in Guardian-Adolescent Conversations: Reconciliation Moments*. Poster presented at the Symposium for Undergraduate Psychology Engagement and Research (SUPER).

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

SERVICE

Graduate Student Representative Brain, Behavior, Quantitative Science Program University of Kansas	Fall 2023-Spring 2025
Student Committee Secretary Society for Affective Science	Spring 2021-Fall 2025

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Statistical	Data Cleaning Data Visualization Statistics: LM, GLM, ANOVA, WCC, MDS, MLM, CCREM Languages: R, Python, SQL, SPSS Statistics
Software	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
Research	Laboratory Self-Report Surveys EEG Eye-Tracking Sentiment Analysis Corpus Analysis Web Scraping Natural Language Processing