

# Randal D. Brown, PhD

## Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

- 2018, May      Ph.D.    Social Psychology, University of Nevada, Reno  
*Dissertation Title: Sexual self-concept and sexual self-disclosure: Examining the role of individual factors within a contextual model of sexual self-disclosure*
- 2014, May      M.A.     Social Psychology, University of Nevada, Reno
- 2012, August   B.S.     Psychology with Departmental Honors, Minor in Human Sexuality,  
Eastern Michigan University

### *Additional Education and Training*

- 2020                      Statistics with R Seminar (1 week), Statistical Horizons  
Instructor: Andrew Miles
- 2015                      Dyadic Data Analysis Workshop (1 week), Michigan State University  
Instructors: Deborah Kashy & Robert Ackerman
- Ongoing                      AAASECT (American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and  
Therapists), Continuing Education Credits, 6 CEs earned

### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2018 – present              Assistant Professor, Center for Human Sexuality Studies, Widener University
- 2018 – present              Project Coordinator, Interdisciplinary Sexuality Research Collaborative,  
Widener University

### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Human sexuality	Interpersonal relationships
Interpersonal communication	Structural equation modeling
Dyadic data analysis	Multilevel modeling

Statistics packages: R, SPSS

## TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP

### *Courses Taught at Widener University*

Summer 2020	Applications of Educational Research (Human Sexuality Emphasis) (HSED 510)
Spring 2020	Advanced Quantitative Research Methods II (HSED 851)
Spring 2020	Proseminar 2 in Human Sexuality (HSED 701)
Fall 2019	Advanced Quantitative Research Methods I (HSED 850)
Fall 2019	Applications of Educational Research (Human Sexuality Emphasis) (HSED 510)
Fall 2019	Concepts in Human Sexuality (HSED 592)
Summer 2019	Applications of Educational Research (Human Sexuality Emphasis) (HSED 510)
Spring 2019	Dissertation Seminar (HSED 901)
Spring 2019	Concepts in Human Sexuality (HSED 592)
Spring 2019	Foundations of Sexuality and Relationships Across the Lifespan (HSED 596)
Fall 2018	Applications of Educational Research (Human Sexuality Emphasis) (HSED 510)
Fall 2018	Concepts in Human Sexuality (HSED 592)

### *Courses Taught at the University of Nevada, Reno*

Fall 2017	Advanced Studies in Human Sexuality (HDFS 430/630)
Summer 2017	Advanced Studies in Human Sexuality (HDFS 430/630)
Spring 2017	Contemporary Family Issues (HDFS 472)
Fall 2016	Family Interaction (HDFS 436/636)
Summer 2016	Advanced Studies in Human Sexuality (HDFS 430/630)
Spring 2016	Contemporary Family Issues (HDFS 472)
Fall 2015	Introduction to Communication Research (COM 212)

### *Mentorship*

Spring 2017	Research Advisor, Undergraduate research paper on human sexuality Title: <i>Social perceptions of sex work and sex workers</i>
Summer 2016	Research Advisor, Undergraduate research paper on human sexuality Title: <i>The influence of gender socialization on women's sexual satisfaction</i>
2015 – 2017	Statistics Mentor, Student Data Symposium, Washoe County School District, Reno, NV

### *Invited Lecturer*

Fall 2017	Introduction to Families, University of Nevada, Reno
Summer 2017	Field Studies in Public Health, University of Nevada, Reno
Fall 2014	Advanced Human Sexuality, University of Nevada, Reno
Fall 2014	General Psychology, Truckee Meadows Community College
Spring 2013	Human Sexuality, Truckee Meadows Community College
Summer 2011	Psychology of Sex, Eastern Michigan University
Spring 2011	Psychology of Women, Eastern Michigan University

### ***Teaching Assistant***

2011 – 2012 General Psychology, Eastern Michigan University  
2011 – 2012 Introduction to Experimental Psychology, Eastern Michigan University

### **REFEREED PUBLICATIONS**

*\*denotes graduate student author at the time manuscript began*

Shrout, M. R., **Brown, R. D.**, Orbuch, T. L., & Weigel, D. J. (2019). A multidimensional examination of marital conflict and health over 16 years. *Personal Relationships*, *26*, 490-506. <https://doi.org/10.1111/per.12292>

Crowder, M. K., Gordon, R. A., **Brown, R. D.**, Domitrovich, C. D., & Davidson, L. A. (2019). Linking social and emotional learning standards to the WCSD Social-Emotional Competency Assessment: A Rasch approach. *School Psychology Quarterly*, *34*, 281-295. <https://doi.apa.org/doi/10.1037/spq0000308>

**Brown, R. D.**, & Orbuch, T. L. (2019). Sexual communication: Couple. In J. J. Ponzetti, M. Blankemeyer, S. M. Horan, H. A. Lyons, & A. Shigeto (Eds.), *Macmillan encyclopedia of families, marriages, and intimate relationships* (pp. 806-809). Macmillan.

**Brown, R. D.**, & Weigel, D. J. (2018). Exploring a contextual model of sexual self-disclosure and sexual satisfaction. *Journal of Sex Research*, *55*, 202-213. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00224499.2017.1295299>

Davidson, L. A., Crowder, M. K., Gordon, R. A., Domitrovich, C. E., **Brown, R. D.**, & Hayes, B. I. (2018). A continuous improvement approach to social and emotional competency measurement. *Journal of Applied Developmental Psychology*, *55*, 93-106. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.appdev.2017.03.002>

Schamberg, R. S., Domitrovich, C. E., Davidson, L. A., Hayes, B. I., Shaffer, T., Gordon, R. A., Crowder, M. K., **Brown, R. D.**, Bryson, A. M., LaMarca, P., & Weissberg, R. P. (2017). Creating a monitoring system for school districts to promote academic, social, and emotional learning: A researcher-practitioner partnership. In J. W. Owen & A. M. Larson (Eds.), *Research-policy partnerships: Strategies for launching and sustaining successful collaborations* (pp. 52-71). Taylor and Francis.

**Brown, R. D.**, & Weigel, D. J. (2016). Beneath the tangled sheets: Examining sexual communication through ecological systems. In J. Manning & C. Noland (Eds.), *Contemporary studies of sexuality and communication* (pp. 47-60). Kendall Hunt.

### ***Technical Reports and Manuals***

Burns\*, T., Gekas\*, Z., **Brown, R. D.**, & Sitron, J. A. (2018). *Fall 2018 Widener College Panel: Survey one report*. Chester, PA: Widener University.

Gekas\*, Z., & **Brown, R. D.** (2018). *CHSS alumni report*. Chester, PA: Widener University.

- Brown, R. D. (2017). *Findings from a pilot of the Devereux Student Strengths Assessment (DESSA) in the Washoe County School District*. Reno, NV: Washoe County School District.
- Brown, R. D. (2015). *WCSD parent climate survey report: 2014-2015*. Reno, NV: Washoe County School District.
- Brown, R. D. (2014). *WCSD student safety survey report: 2013-2014*. Reno, NV: Washoe County School District.
- Brown, R. D. (2014). *WCSD school staff climate survey district report: 2013-2014*. Reno, NV: Washoe County School District.
- Brown, R. D. (2014). *WCSD school staff climate survey district report: 2012-2013*. Reno, NV: Washoe County School District.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- 2017 Founders' Best Paper Award, Interdisciplinary Social Psychology PhD Program, University of Nevada, Reno
- 2016 Student Scholarship Award, International Association for Relationship Research
- 2015 Janice M. Epp Memorial Scholarship Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality
- 2014-2017 Travel Award, Graduate Student Association, University of Nevada, Reno
- 2014-2017 Travel Award, Social Psychology Program, University of Nevada, Reno
- 2013 Spirit Award, Interdisciplinary Social Psychology PhD Program, University of Nevada, Reno
- 2012 Everett Marshall Symposium Award, Eastern Michigan University
- 2011 Leadership Award, Eastern Michigan University
- 2009-2011 Dean's List, Eastern Michigan University

## **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2017 Graduate Student Association Research Grant Program (\$2,500), University of Nevada, Reno
- 2013 Center for the Study of Equality and Human Rights (\$3,000), Eastern Michigan University
- 2012 Summer Science Research Initiative Fellowship (\$2,000), Eastern Michigan University
- 2011 Undergraduate Research Stimulus Program (\$2,000), Eastern Michigan University

## **INVITED TALKS**

- 2019 *Healthy communication skills within romantic relationships*. University of Pennsylvania, College Housing and Academic Services.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

\*denotes graduate student author

- Brown, R. D., Hullman, G. A., & Weigel, D. J. (2021, July/August). *Let's talk about sex: The role of interpersonal communication goals in the decision to engage in sexual communication*. Paper accepted for presentation at the biennial meeting of the International Association for Relationship Research, London, UK.
- Orbuch, T. L., Shrout, M. R., **Brown, R. D.**, & Weigel, D. J. (2019, June). *Conflict and marital well-being over 16 years of marriage for black couples and white couples*. Paper presented at the biennial mini conference of the International Association for Relationship Research, Brighton, UK.
- Shrout, M. R., **Brown, R. D.**, Orbuch, T. L., & Weigel, D. J. (2019, February). *A multidimensional approach to conflict and health over 16 years of marriage*. Paper presented at the annual preconference on close relationships of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR.
- Brown, R. D.**, Weigel, D. J., & Hullman, G. A. (2018, November). *We can't talk about that! An examination of commonly avoided sexual topics across three studies*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Montréal, QC.
- Brown, R. D.**, Lock\*, L., & Sitron, J. A. (2018, November). *Young millennials and relationships: Exploring relationship-related idealized cognitive models*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Montréal, QC.
- Lock\*, L., Sitron, J. A., & **Brown, R. D.** (2018, November). *Studying sex talk: Finding meaning beyond what we say*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Montréal, QC.
- Sitron, J. A., **Brown, R. D.**, & Lock\*, L. (2018, November). *Young millennials and sex: Exploring sex-related idealized cognitive models*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Montréal, QC.
- Brown, R. D.**, Hullman, G. A., & Weigel, D. J. (2018, July). *Can we talk about sex? Interaction goals and the likelihood of sexual self-disclosure*. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the International Association for Relationship Research, Fort Collins, CO.
- Shrout\*, M. R., **Brown, R. D.**, Orbuch, T. L., & Weigel, D. J. (2018, July). *Health trajectories and breadth of conflict over the first 16 years of marriage*. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the International Association for Relationship Research, Fort Collins, CO.
- Lieway\*, M., Weiser, D. A., **Brown, R. D.**, Shrout\*, M. R., Russell\*, K., Weigel, D. J., & Evans, W. P. (2018, April). *Parent-adolescent communication about sexual and relationship violence: Promoting healthy relationships or reinforcing gender stereotypes?* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Texas Council on Family Relations, Dallas, TX.

- Brown, R. D.**, & Weigel, D. J. (2017, November). *Towards a contextual model of sexual self-disclosure: An expansion*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Atlanta, GA.
- Brown, R. D.**, Shrout\*, M. R., Orbuch, T. L., & Weigel, D. J. (2017, June). *Sexual satisfaction and marital happiness in the middle years of marriage: A dyadic examination given the contexts of gender and race*. Paper presented at the biennial mini conference of the International Association for Relationship Research, Syracuse, NY.
- Brown, R. D.**, & Weigel, D. J. (2016, November). *Exploring a contextual model of sexual self-disclosure*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Phoenix, AZ.
- Brown, R. D.**, Shrout\*, M. R., Weigel, D. J., & Orbuch, T. L. (2016, July). *Sexual satisfaction and communication in a longitudinal study of heterosexual married couples*. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the International Association for Relationship Research, Toronto, ON.
- Shrout\*, M. R., **Brown, R. D.**, Weigel, D. J., & Orbuch, T. L. (2016, July). *Marital conflict and health outcomes over time: The role of marital quality and blame*. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the International Association for Relationship Research, Toronto, ON.
- Weigel, D. J., & **Brown, R. D.** (2016, July). *A dyadic assessment of desired commitment and partner's everyday expressions of commitment*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the International Association for Relationship Research, Toronto, ON.
- Gordon, R. A., Crowder, M. K., **Brown, R. D.**, Davidson, L. A., Domitrovich, C. E., Weissberg, R. P., ... Shaffer, T. (2016, April). *Student self-reported social and emotional learning: An iterative, Rasch-based approach to understanding SEL development*. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Baltimore, MD.
- Brown, R. D.**, & Weigel, D. J. (2015, November). *Beneath the tangled sheets: Examining sexual communication through ecological systems theory*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Albuquerque, NM.
- Brown, R. D.**, & Weigel, D. J. (2015, February). *Relationship responsiveness and sexual self-disclosure*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA.
- Green, C., **Brown, R. D.**, & Dove, N. L. (2014, October). *Make the grade II: Further investigation of STI preventative marketing campaigns and communication*. Poster presented at the University of Michigan's Health Psychology Research Symposium, Dearborn, MI.
- Gordon, R. A., Smith, E. V., Crowder, M. K., **Brown, R. D.**, & Davidson, L. A. (2014, September). *Development and validation of a student self-report rating of social and emotional learning*. Paper presented at the fall meeting of the Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness, Washington, DC.

- Green, C., **Brown, R. D.**, & Dove, N. L. (2014, May). *Promoting equal rates of STI testing for LGB individuals*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Brown, R. D.**, & Dove, N. L. (2014, March). *Promoting equal rates of STI testing for LGB individuals*. Invited colloquium presented as part of the 2014 Equality Speaker Series at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI.
- Brown, R. D.**, Weiser, D. A., & Weigel, D. J. (2014, February). *Perceived HIV risk within an LGB Population*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.
- Brown, R. D.**, & Dove, N. L. (2012, May). *Make the grade: An investigation of STI preventative marketing campaigns*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

## CAMPUS AND DEPARTMENTAL TALKS

- Brown, R. D.** (2018, December). *Sexual communication*. Colloquium presentation to the Interdisciplinary Sexuality Research Collaborative and Church and Dwight at Widener University, Chester, PA.
- Crowder, M. K., & **Brown, R. D.** (2016, October). *Building a self-report measure of students' social and emotional competencies*. Colloquium presentation to the Social Psychology Club at the University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV.
- Brown, R. D.**, Shrout\*, M. R., Weigel, D. J., & Orbuch, T. L. (2016, September). *Sexual satisfaction and communication in a longitudinal study of heterosexual married couples*. Colloquium presentation to the Social Psychology Club at the University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV.
- Shrout\*, M. R., **Brown, R. D.**, Weigel, D. J., & Orbuch, T. L. (2016, September). *Marital conflict and health outcomes over time: The role of marital quality and blame*. Colloquium presentation to the Social Psychology Club at the University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV.
- Davidson, L. D., Crowder, M. K. & **Brown, R. D.** (2015, September). *WCSD Student Climate survey: What do our students have to say about our schools?* Facilitated workshop at a professional learning event at the Washoe County School District, Reno, NV.
- Crowder, M. K. & **Brown, R. D.** (2015, May). *Climate survey: What do our students think?* Colloquium presentation at the Central Office Data Summit for the Washoe County School District, Reno, NV.
- Brown, R. D.**, & Weigel, D. J. (2015, March). *Examining sexual communication through ecological systems theory*. Colloquium presentation to the Social Psychology Club at the University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV.

- Davidson, L. A., **Brown, R. D.**, & Crowder, M. K. (2015, February). *Assessing the assessment: Studying our student climate survey*. Colloquium presentation at the Annual Data Summit for the Washoe County School District, Reno, NV.
- Brown, R. D.**, & Weigel, D. J. (2014, November). *Relationship responsiveness, relationship uncertainty, and sexual self-disclosure*. Colloquium presentation to the Social Psychology Club at the University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV.
- Brown, R. D.**, & Dove, N. L. (2014, April). *Promoting equal rates of STI testing for LGB individuals*. Colloquium presentation to the Social Psychology Club at the University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV.
- Brown, R. D.**, & Dove, N. L. (2012, March). *Make the grade: An investigation of STI preventative marketing campaigns*. Presentation at the annual Undergraduate Research Symposium at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI.
- Brown, R. D.**, & Conlin, L. E. (2011, March). *Dinner and a movie?: How dating norms differ across individuals with varying sexual orientations*. Presentation at the annual Undergraduate Research Symposium at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI

## MEDIA COVERAGE

From: *Exploring a contextual model of sexual self-disclosure and sexual satisfaction*.

**Nevada Today**. University doctoral candidate researches secret behind a happy relationship. 06/16/17.

[https://www.unr.edu/nevada-today/news/2017/research-behind-happy-relationship?utm\\_source=newsletter063017&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=happyrelationship&utm\\_campaign=NevadaWeekly](https://www.unr.edu/nevada-today/news/2017/research-behind-happy-relationship?utm_source=newsletter063017&utm_medium=email&utm_content=happyrelationship&utm_campaign=NevadaWeekly)

**Bustle**. How open you are about your sexual fantasies can say a lot about the quality of your relationship. 04/19/17.

<https://www.bustle.com/p/how-open-you-are-about-your-sexual-fantasies-can-say-a-lot-about-the-quality-of-your-relationship-47465>

**Glamour**. 5 ways watching porn can make you a better partner. 04/03/17.

<http://www.glamour.com/story/5-ways-watching-porn-can-make-you-a-better-partner>

**Women's Health**. The surprising sign you're in a happy relationship. 03/27/17.

<http://www.womenshealthmag.com/sex-and-love/sharing-sexual-fantasy>

## ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2014 – 2018 Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Accountability,  
Washoe County School District, Reno, NV

*Skills:* Survey construction, scale validation, data analysis, program evaluation, quantitative and qualitative research designs

## **SERVICE**

### ***Editorial/Review Activities***

- 2015-present *Journal of Sex Research*  
2017-present *Personal Relationships*  
2018-present *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*  
2016-present *Journal of GLBT Family Studies*

### ***School-Level Service***

- 2019-2020 Symposium Coordinator, Graduate Student Research Symposium, School of Human Service Professions, Widener University  
2019-2020 Member, Committee on Promotion, Tenure, and Academic Freedom, School of Human Service Professions, Widener University  
2018-2019 Member, Committee on Promotion, Tenure, and Academic Freedom, School of Human Service Professions, Widener University

### ***Center-Level and Departmental Service***

- 2019-2020 Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Center for Human Sexuality Studies, Widener University  
2019-2020 Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Center for Human Sexuality Studies, Widener University  
2019-2020 Secretary, Center for Human Sexuality Studies, Widener University  
2019-2020 Chair, Student Policy and Appeals Committee, Center for Human Sexuality Studies, Widener University  
2019-2020 Secretary, Curriculum and Assessment Committee, Center for Human Sexuality Studies, Widener University  
2019-2020 Member, Committee on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice, Center for Human Sexuality Studies, Widener University  
2019 Member, PhD Program Admissions Committee, Center for Human Sexuality Studies, Widener University  
2018-2019 Secretary, Student Policy and Appeals Committee, Center for Human Sexuality Studies, Widener University  
2018-2019 Secretary, Awards Committee, Center for Human Sexuality Studies, Widener University  
2018-2019 Secretary, Committee on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice, Center for Human Sexuality Studies, Widener University  
2018-2019 Member, Committee on Promotion, Tenure, and Academic Freedom, Center for Human Sexuality Studies, Widener University  
2018 Founders' Award Committee, Social Psychology Program, University of Nevada, Reno  
2015-2016 Student Representative to the Faculty, Social Psychology Program, University of Nevada, Reno  
2015-2016 Planning Committee, Collaborating Districts Initiative Conference, Washoe County School District  
2014-2015 Website Committee, Social Psychology Program, University of Nevada, Reno

2014 Social Psychology Program Representative, GradFit, University of Nevada, Reno  
2013-2014 Guest Speaker Committee, Social Psychology Program, University of Nevada, Reno  
2010-2012 Undergraduate Psychology Advisor, Department of Psychology, Eastern Michigan University

***Community Service***

2016-2018 Liaison, Sex Education Curriculum Advisory Committee, Washoe County School District  
2017 Search Committee, Sex Education Advisory Committee, Washoe County School District

***Professional Service***

2020 Scientific Review Committee, Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality  
2019 Scientific Review Committee, Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality  
2017 Future Conference Committee, International Association for Relationship Research  
2017 Scientific Review Committee, Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality  
2016 Scientific Review Committee, Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality  
2013 RISE Research Award Committee, Association for Psychological Science  
2012 Student Poster Award Committee, Society for Personality and Social Psychology

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality  
International Association for Relationship Research