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Education

University of Washington

PhD in Communication, Spring 2023

Advisor: Dr. Valerie Manusov (*PhD, University of Southern California*)

Committee Members: Dr. Amanda Denes, Dr. Mako Hill, Dr. Pepper Schwartz & Dr. Nichol McNichols

University of Kansas

M.A. in Communication Studies, Spring 2016

Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey A. Hall (*PhD, University of Southern California*)

Committee Members: Dr. Adrienne Kunkel & Dr. Yan Bing Zhang

University of Amsterdam

Certificate in Sexuality, Culture, & Society, 2015

4-week course on the global impact of sexuality and sex research

University of San Diego

B.A. in Communication, *Cum Laude*, 2014

Advisor: Dr. Jonathan Bowman (*PhD, Michigan State University*)

Scholarly Focus

My scholarship stems from the combination of teaching and research interests. My teaching focuses on relational communication, such as interpersonal, small group, and nonverbal communication, while my research focuses on sexual communication, specifically looking at the verbal and nonverbal signals of attraction. Both my teaching and research coalesce into scholarship with attention to the processes and impact of how external behaviors might impact others' internal experiences during interpersonal interactions and relationships. I pay close attention to the interconnectedness of culture and interpersonal behavior to highlight the uniqueness of every individual, simultaneously noting the larger trends amongst populations. I also investigate and workshop questions with peers and students on how to better understand nonverbal behavior in intimate and affectionate contexts.

Teaching Positions

Assistant Professor, Department of Communication, School of Liberal Arts, St. Mary's College of California, 2024-Present

Postdoctoral Teaching Associate, Department of Communication Studies, College of Arts, Media and Design, Northeastern University, 2023-2024

Teaching (Instructor of Record)

COMM1112 Public Speaking, Northeastern University, *Fall 2023, Spring 2024*

Instructor for three courses of public speaking (19 students)

BIS178 Introduction to Communication, University of Washington – Bothell, *Winter 2023*

Instructor for a survey course on the communication discipline (30 students)

COMS130 Speaker-Audience Communication, University of Kansas, *2015-2016*

Instructor for four courses of public speaking (18 students)

COM200 Introduction to Communication, University of Washington - Seattle, *Summer 2020*
Instructor for a survey course on the communication discipline (35 students)

COMM2135 Sex & Interpersonal Relationships, Northeastern University, *Fall 2023*
Instructor for a course on interpersonal communication; engaging differences & diversity requirement (30 students)

COMM3230 Interpersonal Communication, Northeastern University, *Spring 2024*
Instructor for upper division major requirement; writing intensive (19 students)

COM373 Small Group Communication, University of Washington – Seattle, *Winter 2022*
Instructor for upper division elective for majors (35 students)

COM376 Nonverbal Communication, University of Washington – Seattle, *Winter 2021, Summer 2021, Summer 2022, Spring 2023*
Instructor for upper division major requirement; writing intensive (20-35 students)

COM382 Social Scientific Approaches to Communication Research, University of Washington – Seattle, *Autumn 2022, Winter 2023*
Instructor for upper division major requirement (35 students)

COMM4535 Nonverbal Social Interaction, Northeastern University, *Spring 2024*
Instructor for upper division major requirement; writing intensive (19 students)

Teaching (Teaching Assistantship)

COM200 Introduction to Communication, University of Washington, *Spring 2021, Spring 2022*
Responsible for three sections (15-25 students per section)

COM220 Introduction to Public Speaking, University of Washington, *Autumn 2019*
Responsible for three sections (15 students per section)

COM220 Online Introduction to Public Speaking, University of Washington, *Spring 2020*
Responsible for three weekly online sections (15 students per section)

COM270 Interpersonal Communication, University of Washington, *Winter 2020, Autumn 2020*
Responsible for three weekly sections (30 students per section)

Invited Talks & Guest Lectures (8)

Nonverbal Communication, University of Washington, Interpersonal Communication, in-person guest lecture for 20 students, *Summer 2022*

Nonverbal Influence, National League of Young Men, invited talk for 200 young men and parents, *Winter 2022*

Identity & Social Media, University of Washington, Introduction to Communication, asynchronous lecture for 150 students, *Spring 2021*

Nonverbal Communication, University of Washington, Interpersonal Communication, two asynchronous lectures, *Summer 2020*

Listening, University of Washington, Nonverbal Communication, asynchronous guest lecture 240 students, *Summer 2020*

Nonverbal Communication, University of Washington, Interpersonal Communication, in-person guest lecture for 500 students, *Winter 2020*

Gaze Behavior, University of San Diego, Interpersonal Communication, in-person guest lecture for two courses of 40 students, *Spring 2018*

Oculesics Gaze Behavior, University of Kansas, Interpersonal Communication, in-person guest lecture for 30 students, *Spring 2016*

Professional Pedagogy Presentations (6)

Compton, B. L. *Don't mess with my vocally*. To be presented during the Great Ideas For Teaching Students (G.I.F.T.S.) at the 2022 *National Communication Association Conference*.

Compton, B. L. *Get your Hitch on: Dating consultant role-playing for the Five Flirting Styles*. Presented during the Great Ideas For Teaching Students (G.I.F.T.S.) at the 2021 *National Communication Association Conference*.

Compton, B. L. *2 truths and a lie observational study*. Presented during the Great Ideas For Teaching Students (G.I.F.T.S.) at the 2021 *National Communication Association Conference*.

Compton, B. L. *1,2, 3 now see me: The role of eye contact in managing social interaction*. Presented during the Great Ideas For Teaching Students (G.I.F.T.S.) at the 2021 *National Communication Association Conference*.

Compton, B. L. *You want to hand out?: The role of hand gestures in social interaction*. Presented during the Great Ideas For Teaching Students (G.I.F.T.S.) at the 2020 *National Communication Association Conference*.

Compton, B. L. *1,2,3, smile for me: Universal recognition of the universal facial expressions*. Presented during the Great Ideas For Teaching Students (G.I.F.T.S.) at the 2020 *National Communication Association Conference*.

Professional Consultations

Consulting & Advisory Student Experience, Northeastern University, 2024

Lead a presentation skill workshop for the Chief of Programs, Chief of Education, and their team to train their program directors.

Misc. Teaching

Chapter President, End Overdose Bay Area, 2024-Present

Communications Officer, Overdose Prevention Collection, 2024-Present

Drug Overdose Awareness and Harm Reduction Educator, End Overdose Boston, 2023-2024

Lead workshops and trainings in the greater Boston area on drug harm prevention, fentanyl awareness, and administering naloxone.

Cycle/Spin Instructor, Equinox Gyms, Boston & San Francisco, 2023-Present

Cycle/Spin Instructor, YMCA, Boston, 2023-2024

Cycle/Spin Instructor, Apple Headquarters, Seattle, 2023-2023

Cycle/Spin Instructor, University of Washington Intramural Activities Building, 2019-2023

Enacting the Inclusive Classroom, University of Washington, Winter 2020

Learned Theatre of the Oppressed role-playing techniques for a critical approach to student and teacher learning and inclusive understandings of students' lived experiences of oppression

Tutor, University of Kansas Men and Women's Basketball Team, 2014-2015

Tutored players enrolled in the undergraduate Interpersonal Theory course

Rainbow Educator, University of San Diego, 2013-2014

Led educational discussion workshops for University of San Diego undergraduates, graduates, professors, and staff on various forms of oppression, emphasizing sexual orientation, gender, race, ethnicity, and class

High School Outreach Program, Women's Center, University of San Diego, 2012-2013

Led seminar workshops for local high school women:

“Power is Alone, Empowerment is Together”

“Women Portrayals in the Media”

Teaching Publications (6)

Compton, B. L. (In Press). 1,2, 3, Smile for me: Universal recognition of the universal facial expressions. In B. N. Frisby & R. Kaufmann (Eds.), *Teaching Communication Series: Pedagogical Resources*. Cognella.

Compton, B. L. (In Press). 1, 2, 3, Now see me: The role of eye contact in managing social interaction. In B. N. Frisby & R. Kaufmann (Eds.), *Teaching Communication Series: Pedagogical Resources*. Cognella.

Compton, B. L. (In Press). Don't mess with me vocally. In B. N. Frisby & R. Kaufmann (Eds.), *Teaching Communication Series: Pedagogical Resources*. Cognella.

Compton, B. L. (In Press). Please swipe right: Using celebrity social media self-presentation to curate online dating profiles. In B. N. Frisby & R. Kaufmann (Eds.), *Teaching Communication Series: Pedagogical Resources*. Cognella.

Compton, B. L. (In Press). You want to hand out?: The role of hand gestures in social interaction. In B. N. Frisby & R. Kaufmann (Eds.), *Teaching Communication Series: Pedagogical Resources*. Cognella.

Compton, B. L. (2022). Instruction manual for J. K., Burgoon, V. Manusov, & L. K. Guerrero, *Nonverbal communication* (2nd ed.). New York: Routledge.

Editorial Work

Compton, B. L. (In Press). Editorial Assistant for J. K. Alberts, T. K. Nakayama, & J. N. Martin, *Human Communication in Society* (7th ed.).

Book Chapters (3)

Bowman, J. M., & Compton, B. L. (In Press). Haptic interactions: Connections between touch and emotion in relationships. In D. Chadee & A. Kostić (Eds.), *Body language talks: Deeper than faces*.

Bowman, J. M., & Compton, B. L. (2022). Predicting infidelity in non-heterosexual relationships. In T. DeLecce & T. Shackelford (Eds.), *The Oxford handbook of infidelity*.

Bowman, J. M., & Compton, B. L. (2022). Oculestic signals of attraction, interest, and connection. In B. Sternberg & A. Kostić (Eds.), *Nonverbal communication in close relationships: What words don't tell us*. Palgrave-Macmillan.

Research Publications (6)

Manusov, V., & Compton, B. L. (2023). Pelosi, pointing, and power: Assumptions about dominance, emotionality, and gender within media discourses. *The Howard Journal of Communications*, 1, 1-20. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10646175.2023.2195059>

Hall, J., & Compton, B. L. (2017). Pre- and post-interaction physical attractiveness ratings and experience-based impressions. *Communication Studies*, 3, 260-277. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10510974.2017.1317281>

Compton, B. L., & Bowman, J. M. (2017). Perceived cross-orientation infidelity: Heterosexual perceptions of same-sex cheating in exclusive relationships. *Journal of Homosexuality*, 11, 1469-1483. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00918369.2016.1244447>

Kunkel, A., Wagner, P., & Compton, B. L. (2016). (Trans)lating identity: Exploring discursive strategies for navigating the tensions of identity gaps. *Communication Quarterly*, 3, 251-272. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01463373.2015.1103286>

Bond, B. J., & Compton, B. L. (2015). Gay on-screen: The relationship between exposure to gay characters on television and heterosexual audiences' endorsement of gay equality. *Journal of Broadcasting & Electronic Media*, 59, 717-732. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08838151.2015.1093485>

Bowman, J. M., & Compton, B. L. (2014). Evaluations of nonverbal greetings in friendships: Self-presentation, individual differences, and gender evaluations of nonverbal greeting behaviors among close friends. *Journal of Men's Studies*, 22, 207-221. <https://doi.org/10.3149/jms.2203.207>

Popular Press Publications (1)

Compton, B. (2022, May 16). Why sex positivity is key for mothers and sons: Is 'the talk' too taboo for the two of you? *Psychology Today*. <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/interpersonal-and-family-relationships/202205/why-sex-positivity-is-key-mothers-and-sons>

Popular Press Appearances (2)

Compton, B. L. (Guest). (2023, March 6). A visit to the love doctorate (No. 5) [Audio podcast episode]. In *It's complicated: The podcast*. UW Daily. <https://uwpodcast.com/category/its-complicated/>

Compton, B. L. (Guest). (2022, October 14). A love language Duolingo lesson (No. 1) [Audio podcast episode]. In *It's complicated: The podcast*. UW Daily. <https://uwpodcast.com/category/its-complicated/>

Submitted Manuscripts (1)

Compton, B. L., & Manusov, V. Likelihood of self-disclosing sexual desires: Testing the disclosure decision-making model. Manuscript under review at *Journal of Sex Research*

Work in Progress (5)

- Compton, B. L. Characteristics of the male gazer: Predicting heterosexual men's reports of eye behavior, beliefs, and attitudes from their degree of sexism and sociosexuality. Final manuscript being prepared for journal submission.
- Compton, B. L., & Bowman, J. M. Greeting behaviors and gendered perceptions: Haptic interactions among same and cross-sex friends. Final manuscript being prepared for journal submission.
- Leitrim, D., & Compton, B. L. International study on touch in business contexts: A sample of German, American, Italian, and Iranian individuals. Final manuscript being prepared for journal submission.
- Compton, B. L. Extradynamic evaluations and memory recall: Perceptions of haptics interactions among same- and cross-sex individuals. Preparing for IRB review.
- Compton, B. L. Perceived cross-orientation infidelity: Heterosexual perceptions of bi-sexual cheating in exclusive relationships. Preparing for IRB review.

Competitively Selected Conference Panel Presentations (13)

- Compton, B. L., & Manusov, V. *Likelihood of self-disclosing sexual desires: Testing the disclosure decision-making model*. Paper presented at the Interaction Association of Relationship Research Annual Conference, Boston, MA, 2024.
- Manusov, V., & Compton, B. L. *Pelosi, pointing, and power: Assumptions about emotion, emotionality, and gender in media discussions of a nonverbal moment*. Paper presented at the Western States Communication Association Annual Conference, Portland, OR, 2022.
- Compton, B. L., Hall, J., & Bowman, J. M. *Characteristics of the male gazer: An application of ambivalent sexism theory and sociosexuality*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association Annual Conference, Prague, CZ, 2018.
- Compton, B. L., & Bowman, J. M. *Gendered perceptions in nonverbal contexts*. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, 2018.
- Leitrim, D., & Compton, B. L. *People of all lands reach out and shake hands: Overviewing intercultural impressions of business touch among German, American, Italian, and Iranian samples*. Paper presented at the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology international congress, Nagoya, Japan, 2016.
- Compton, B. L., & Bowman, J. M. *Greeting behaviors and gendered perceptions: Haptic interactions among same and cross-sex friends*. Paper presented at the Western States Communication Association Annual Conference, San Diego, 2016.
- Compton, B. L., & Bowman, J. M. *Perceptions of infidelity across sexual orientation: Heterosexual perceptions of same-sex cheating in exclusive relationships*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association Annual Conference, San Juan, PR, 2015.
- Kunkel, A., Wagner, P., & Compton, B. L. (2014). *Formation and expression of gender identity by transgender individuals*. Paper presented at the Eastern Communication Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, 2015.

Compton, B. L., & Bowman, J. M. *Masculinity and the "lesbian threat": Gender differences in evaluations of extradyadic behaviors with same-sex friends*. Paper presented at the Western States Communication Association Annual Conference, Spokane, WA, 2015.

Compton, B. L., & Bowman, J. M. *Extradyadic evaluations: Perceptions of haptic interactions among same- and cross-sex friends*. Paper presented for roundtables on research in progress at the National Communication Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, November 2014.

Bond, B., & Compton, B. L. *The relationship between television exposure and heterosexuals' attitudes toward gay, lesbian, and bisexual individuals*. Poster presented at the National Communication Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, November 2014.

Woszidlo, A., Schon, J., & Compton, B. L. *Emotion communication, interaction, and adaptation in the workplace*. Panel presented at the National Communication Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, November 2014.

Compton, B. L., & Bowman, J. M. *Evaluations of nonverbal greetings in friendships: Self-presentation, individual differences, and gendered evaluations of nonverbal greeting behaviors among close friends*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., November 2013.

Research Grants Funded

Graduate Student Research Fund, University of Washington (\$400), Winter 2023

Associated Students Research Grant, University of San Diego, *Perceptions of haptic interactions among friends* (\$200) Spring 2014.

Associated Students Research Grant, University of San Diego, *Evaluations of nonverbal greetings in friendships: Self-presentation, individual differences, and gendered evaluations of nonverbal greeting behaviors among close friends* (\$400) Spring 2013.

Council of Undergraduate Research Social Science Division Grant, University of San Diego, *Evaluations of nonverbal greetings in friendships: Self-presentation, individual differences, and gendered evaluations of nonverbal greeting behaviors among close friends*. (\$200). Spring 2013.

Office of Undergraduate Research Grant, University of San Diego, *Evaluations of nonverbal greetings in friendships: Self-presentation, individual differences, and gendered evaluations of nonverbal greeting behaviors among close friends*. (\$500). Spring 2013.

Department of Communication Studies Research Grant, University of San Diego, *Evaluations of nonverbal greetings in friendships: Self-presentation, individual differences, and gendered evaluations of nonverbal greeting behaviors among close friends*. (\$115). Spring 2013.

Service in Academia

Faculty advisor committee member for the Lambda Pi Eta chapter at Northeastern University, 2023-2024

Faculty advisor for Huskies Against Harm with End Overdose Boston at Northeastern University, 2023-2024

Student Admission Portfolio Reviewer, Department of Communication, College of Arts, Media, & Design, Northeastern University, 2023-2024

International Association of Relationship Research (IARR) planning committee member for the 2024 annual conference, Boston, *2023-2024*

Nonverbal Pedagogy Award Committee Member for the Nonverbal Communication Division for the National Communication Association, *2023-present*

Panel submission evaluator for the Nonverbal Communication Division for the National Communication Association, *2022-present*

Graduate Student Representative for the Nonverbal Division of the National Communication Association, *2019-2023*

Communication Graduate Student Association Social Chair, Department of Communication, University of Washington, *2019-2023*

Creator and Organizer of the UW Comm First Year Student Mentor Program, *2020-2023*

Session Moderator for the University of Washington Undergraduate Research Symposium, *2020, 2021*

Webmaster for the Nonverbal Division of the National Communication Association, *2014-2015*
Managed the nonverbal communication division website

Invited Judge for the University of Kansas Linkugel Speech Competition, *2014-2016*
Judged undergraduate speeches for a university-wide competition

First Year Orientation Leader, University of San Diego, *2014*
Orientation leader for one group of incoming first year students

Transfer Orientation Leader, University of San Diego, *2013-2014*
Orientation leader for three sets of incoming transfer students

LGBTQ-Ally Alliance Writing Chair, PRIDE, University of San Diego, *2012-2013*
Managed public relations for the organization

University of San Diego Orientation Representative, National Conference of Race and Ethnicity (NCORE), New Orleans, LA, *2013*

Service Outside of Academia

Cycle Instructor, Cycle for Survival, Equinox Gyms, Boston, *2024*

College Liasson, End Overdose, Boston Chapter, Boston, *2023-present*

Honors, Awards, and Recognition

Nominee for Excellence in Teaching Award, College of Arts, Media, & Design, Northeastern University, *2023*

Tolo Scholar, Mortar Board Alumni and Tolo Foundation Elizabeth Ayers Scholarship, *2022-2023*

Department of Communication Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award, University of Washington, *2021*

National Communication Association Nonverbal Division Emerging Scholar Award, *2020*

University Graduate Fellow, University of Kansas, 2014-2015

Research fellowship given to incoming masters students by the University of Kansas graduate school

Graduate Student Representative at the Kansas Board of Regents Luncheon, 2014

One of 10 graduate students chosen by Dean of Graduate Studies to meet and interact with the state of Kansas Board of Regents

Award of Excellence in Research or Creative Work, Department of Communication Studies, University of San Diego, 2014

Awarded to the student who has shown the highest level of excellence throughout their career at University of San Diego

Class of 2014 Acalá 100, University of San Diego, 2014

Recognition by the Office of Alumni Relations of the Top 100 outstanding graduating student leaders

Departmental Honors, Department of Communication Studies, University of San Diego, 2014

Senior Send-off Honorary Speaker, University of San Diego, 2014

Leaders of Tomorrow organization event for graduating seniors to talk about their experience to the undergraduate student body

Volunteer of the Year, Women's Center, University of San Diego, 2013

First male recipient of this award; awarded to one volunteer who goes above and beyond the duties and shows exceptional promotion and aid to the USD Women's Center

Lambda Pi Eta, University of San Diego, 2013-2014

National Honor Society of Communication Studies

Senior Class Legacy Scholarship, Class of 2010, University of San Diego, 2012-2013

Awarded to for exceptional service and helping to create a lasting impact on the University

Professional Memberships

National Communication Association, 2013-2015, 2018-present

Western States Communication Association, 2014-2016, 2022

International Communication Association, 2014-2015, 2018-2019

Graduate Level Courses Taken

University of Washington

Communication

Com 500 Communication Theory Development, *Dr. Mako Hill & Dr. Patricia Moy*

Com 501 Methods of Inquiry, *Dr. Kristina Scharp & Dr. LeiLani Nishime*

Com 576 Interpersonal Communication, *Dr. Valerie Manusov*

Com 580 Nonverbal Communication, *Dr. Valerie Manusov*

Com 594 Teaching Philosophy, *Dr. LeiLani Nishime*

Com 594 Public Scholarship, *Dr. Patricia Moy*

Com 597B Computer-Mediated-Communication, *Dr. Katy E. Pearce*

Com 597C Family Communication, *Dr. Kristina Scharp*

Research Methods

EDPSY 490 Basic Educational Statistics, *Dr. Elizabeth A. Sanders*
EDPSY 576A Hierarchical Linear Models, *Dr. Elizabeth A. Sanders*
EDPSY 538 Multiple Regression, *Dr. Elizabeth A. Sanders*
EDPSY 594 Advanced Correlational Techniques, *Dr. Elizabeth A. Sanders*

Outside Communication

SOC 487 Gender and Sexuality, *Dr. Pepper Schwartz*
SOC 600A Intimate Relationships, *Dr. Pepper Schwartz*
SOC 600 Independent Research: Sexual Desire, *Dr. Pepper Schwartz*

University of Kansas

Communication

COMS 844 Theories of Interpersonal Communication, *Dr. Jeffrey A. Hall & Dr. Alesia Woszidlo*
COMS 859 Professional Seminar, *Dr. Jeffrey A. Hall*
COMS 930 Teaching Beginning Oral Communication, *Dr. Andrea Quenette*
COMS 930 Stress and Coping, *Dr. Alesia Woszidlo*

Research Methods

EPSY 810 Regression Analysis, *Dr. Vicki Peyton*
COMS 852 Communication Research: Research Methods, *Dr. Yan Bing Zhang*
COMS 856 Communication Research: Quantitative Analysis, *Dr. Yan Bing Zhang*
EPSY 905 Multivariate Analysis, *Dr. Jonathan Templin*

Outside Communication

WGSS Conceptual Issues in Human Sexuality, *Dr. Charlene Muehlenhard*

University of Amsterdam

Outside Communication

Sexuality, Culture, and Society: An Introduction, *Dr. Marie Louise Janssen*
Sexuality & Religion, *Dr. David Bos*
Sexual Meanings Across Time and Place, *Dr. Kate Frank*
Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Human Rights, *Dr. Graeme Reid*
Professional Identity & Values Clarification, *Dr. Diane di Mauro*
Sexual Politics in the Netherlands, *Dr. Laurens Buijs*
Sexuality in Art and Media, *Dr. Robert Sember*

References

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