CURRICULUM VITAE

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Academic Position

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2021-present	Kingston University Senior Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Forensic Psychology Forensic Psychology BSc Course Director Department of Psychology
Education	
2018-2022	PhD (Culture, Health, & Human Development)
	University of Saskatchewan
	Department of Psychology
	Supervisor: Dr. Mark Olver
	Dissertation title: Swiping away tears: Incels, dating applications, and social supports
2016-2018	MA (Applied Social Psychology)
	University of Saskatchewan
	Department of Psychology
	Supervisor: Dr. Steve Wormith
	Thesis title: Evaluating Canadians' attitudes toward juvenile sexual
	offenders: Toward an understanding of community responses
2009-2013	BA (Honours)
	St. Thomas University
	Department of Psychology
	Supervisor: Dr. Mihailo Perunovic
	Thesis title: Agreeableness and relationship quality: A causational study

Publications

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- **Sparks, B.**, & Zidenberg, A. M. (in press). Accepting the terms and conditions: An evaluation of a parole-based experiential assignment. *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*.
- **Sparks**, **B.**, & Papandreou, C. (2023). The manosphere and men's wellbeing: How healthcare can help young men find alternatives to toxic online spaces. *BMJ*, 383.
- **Sparks, B.**, Stephens, S., & Trendell, S. (2023). Image-based sexual abuse: Victim-perpetrator overlap and risk-related correlates of coerced sexting, non-consensual dissemination of intimate images, and cyberflashing. *Computers in Human Behaviour*.
- **Sparks, B.**, Zidenberg, A. M., & Olver, M. E. (2023). An exploratory study of incels' dating app experiences, mental health, and relational well-being. *Journal of Sex Research*.

- Brandon Tyler Sparks
- **Sparks, B.**, Fido, D., & Vione, K. (2023). Bad parents? Evaluating judgments of infant homicides. *Psychiatry, Psychology, and Law*.
- **Sparks, B.**, Zidenberg, A. M., & Olver, M. E. (2023). One is the loneliest number: Involuntary celibacy, mental health, and loneliness. *Current Psychology*.
- **Sparks, B.**, Zidenberg, A. M., & Olver, M. E. (2023). Involuntary celibacy: A review of incel ideology and experiences with dating, rejection, and associated mental health and emotional sequelae. *Current Psychiatry Reports*, 24, 731-740.
- **Sparks, B.** (2022). A snapshot of image based sexual abuse (IBSA): Narrating a way forward. *Sexuality Research & Social Policy*, 19(2), 689-704.
- Zidenberg, A. M., **Sparks, B.**, & Olver, M. (2022). A survey of veterinary medical professionals' knowledge, attitudes, and experiences with animal sexual abuse. *Journal of Applied Animal Welfare Science*. Advance online publication.
- Zidenberg, A. M., Wielinga, F., **Sparks, B.**, & Margeotes, K. (2022). Lost in translation: A quantitative and qualitative comparison of rape myth acceptance. *Psychology, Crime, and Law, 28*(2), 179-197.
- **Sparks, B.** (2021). Attitudes toward the punishment of juvenile and adult sexual offenders in Canada: The roles of sentencing goals and criminal justice motivations. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*, 30(2), 125-145.
- **Sparks, B.**, & Wormith, S. (2021). Assessing attitudes toward juveniles and adults adjudicated for sexual offenses in Canada: Does offender age matter? *Journal of Sexual Aggression*, 27(1), 81-94.
- Zidenberg, A. M., **Sparks, B.**, Harkins, L., & Lidstone, S. K. (2021). Tipping the scales: The effect of gender, rape-myth acceptance and anti-fat attitudes on judgments of sexual coercion scenarios. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, *36*(19-20), NP10178-NP10204.
- Kiss, M. J., McDonagh, L. K., **Sparks, B.**, Morrison, T. G., & Hamp, T. (2020). Validating the International Index of Erectile Function (IIEF) with gay men. *Journal of Sex Research*, 58(5), 589-598.
- **Sparks, B.**, Wielinga, F., Jung, S., & Olver, M. (2020). Recidivism risk and criminogenic needs of individuals who perpetrated intimate partner sexual violence offenses. *Sexual Offending: Theory, Research, and Prevention*, 15, 1-20.

Book Chapters

Sparks, B., & Fisico, R. (in press). Dating applications and sexual violence. In C. A. Harper, R. Lievesley, B. Winder, H. Swaby, N. Blagden, & P. Banyard (Eds.,), *Sexual crime and the internet*.

Technical Reports

Sparks, B. (2019). Needs analysis and best practices review for the increased prevention and intervention of child sexual harm in New Brunswick. Child Sexual Harm Advisory Committee: New Brunswick Department of Justice and Public Safety.

Manuscripts Under Review

Zidenberg, A. M., & **Sparks**, **B.** (under review). Engaging with extremely online psychology students: Creating a meme "study guide." *Open Scholarship of Teaching and Learning*. Preprint DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.34158.38725

Vione, K., Wallace, L., Mooney, R., Thatcher, A., Colman, R., Danton, I., Commarmond, A., Hammond, C., **Sparks, B.**, & Fido, D. (under review). The effect of labelling on judgements of psychopathy as moderated by mental health stigma and baseline attitudes of psychopathy. *Journal of Personality*. Preprint DOI: 10.31234/osf.io/p78dg

Manuscripts in Preparation

- **Sparks, B.**, Rotella, A., Zidenberg, A. M., & Olver, M. Risky Business: A meta-analysis of risk factors for juvenile gang involvement.
- **Sparks, B.**, Fisico, R., Fido, D., & Harper, C. Cyberflashing motives and predictors across relationship contexts: A registered report.
- Sparks, B., Maryn, A., & Zidenberg, A. Incel inside: Understanding incel idendities.
- **Sparks, B.**, & Zidenberg, A. M. A history of juvenile justice legislation in Canada.
- **Sparks, B.**, & Zidenberg, A. M. A need for an Emerging Adulthood Criminal Justice Act? An exploration of psychological literature on emerging adulthood and criminal behaviour.
- **Sparks**, **B.**, Harper, C., & Fido, D. *The role of traditional gender-role beliefs in the response to image-based sexual abuse*
- **Sparks, B.**, Zloteanu, M., Zidenberg, A. M., & Olver, M. Do negative media portrayals of law enforcement officials influence citizen trust?
- **Sparks, B.**, & Zidenberg, A. M. Life on parole: Pre-post student experiences participating in an experiential assessment.
- **Sparks, B.**, & Zidenberg, A. M., & Maxwell, J. Dating applications and their relationship with mental and relational health and well-being.
- Papandreou, C., **Sparks, B.**, & Daly, S. Rot, rage, and blame: A qualitative IPA exploration of identity development and experiences of self-identified incels.
- Suddaby, N., **Sparks, B.**, & Docherty, S. *Image based sexual abuse: A quantitative exploration of dark personalities and online disinhibition.*
- Zidenberg, A. M., **Sparks, B.**, Curwen, T., & Olver, M. A meta-analysis of treatments for children with concerning sexual behaviour (CSB).
- Bullock, J., & Sparks, B. The jury is in: An evaluation of an experiential court assignment.

Conference Presentations and Posters

- Daly, S., Deli, C., **Sparks, B.**, & Toma, T. (2023, November). *Incel research: Methodology, challenges, and insights.* American Society of Criminology Conference. Washington, DC.
- **Sparks, B.**, Maryn, A., & Zidenberg, A. M. (2023, August). *Navigating a dark place: What do incels make of their experiences and how can we help them?* International Association for the Treatment of Sexual Offenders Conference. Trondheim, NO.
- Paydas Turan, C., & **Sparks, B.** (2022, July). *Early career researchers roundtable* (co-Chairs). Faculty of Business & Social Sciences Faculty Research Conference. Kingston upon Thames, UK.
- **Sparks, B.** (2022, June). *Incels: Murdering misogynists or lonely lads?* British Psychological Society Division of Forensic Psychology Conference. Solihull, UK.
- **Sparks, B.**, Zidenberg, A. M., & Olver, M. (2020, September). *Risky business: An updated meta-analysis of risk factors for youth gang involvement.* Canadian Forensic Psychology Virtual Conference. Halifax, NS.
- Zidenberg, A. M., **Sparks, B.**, & <u>Raichuk, E.</u> (2021, October). *Examining depictions of bestiality in Canadian child exploitation materials*. Paper presented at the 40th Annual Research and Treatment Conference for the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, St. Louis, Missouri, USA.
- Jamer, D., Stephens, S., **Sparks, B.**, & Seto, M. C. (2020). The impact of psychosis on Static-99R scores and recidivism in men who have committed sexual offences. Canadian Forensic Psychology Virtual Conference. Halifax, NS.
- Sparks, B. (2020, March). Punishment of sexual offenders: The roles of sentencing goals and criminal justice motivations. Assessment & Outcomes for Adults with Sex Offenses. Paper presented at the American Psychology-Law Society Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA.
- **Sparks, B.** (2019, November). Canadian students' responses to juvenile and adult sexual offenders: Attitudes and support for registration. Community Attitudes Towards Youth and International Perspectives. Paper presented at the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers 38th Annual Research and Treatment Conference. Atlanta, GA.
- Sparks, B., Patrick, G., Mossiere, A., Jewell, L., & Wormith, S. (2019, June). *Young man's blues: A meta-analysis of risk factors for gang involvement*. In L. Jewell (Chair), Developmental Issues in Crime Prevention: Teach your Children Well. Symposium conducted at the 4th North American Correctional Criminal Justice Psychology Conference held in conjunction with the 80th Annual National Convention of the Canadian Psychological Association, Halifax, NS.
- **Sparks, B.** (2019, June). Responsivity, no longer the forgotten R: Successful examples by gender, IPV treatment, and probation supervision (chair). Symposium conducted at the 4th North American Correctional Criminal Justice Psychology Conference held in conjunction with the 80th Annual National Convention of the Canadian Psychological Association, Halifax, NS.

- Brandon Tyler Sparks
- **Sparks, B.**, Wielinga, F., Jung, S., & Olver, M. (2018, October). *Risk and criminogenic needs of intimate partner sexual violence offenders*. In S. Jung (Chair), Intimate Partner Sexual Violence: Definitions, Profile, Criminogenic Needs, and Future Directions. Symposium conducted at the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers 37th Annual Research and Treatment Conference, Vancouver, BC.
- Zidenberg, A., **Sparks, B.**, Harkins, L., & Lidstone, S. (2018, October). *Rape myth acceptance: A quantitative and qualitative comparison*. Student data blitz talk given at the 37th Annual Research and Treatment Conference for the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Vancouver, BC.

Posters

- Zidenberg, A.M., & **Sparks, B.** (2022, October 30). *Engaging with extremely online psychology students: Creating a meme "study guide."* Poster presented at the Society for the Teaching of Psychology's International Twitter Poster Conference (ITPC), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA.
- **Sparks, B.**, & Zidenberg, A. M. (2020, October). *To the left, to the left: Incel experiences on dating apps.* Poster presented at the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers 39th Annual Research and Treatment Conference. San Antonio, TX, USA.
- **Sparks, B.**, Zidenberg, A., Harkins, L., & Lidstone, S. (2019, June). *Does victim size hold any weight on mock jury judgements of a sexual coercion case?* Poster presented at the 4th North American Correctional Criminal Justice Psychology Conference held in conjunction with the 80th Annual National Convention of the Canadian Psychological Association, Halifax, NS.
- Zidenberg, A. M., **Sparks, B.**, Harkins, L., & Lidstone, S. (2019, June). *Prejudicial attitudes towards weight and sexual violence*. Poster presented at the 4th North American Correctional Criminal Justice Psychology Conference held in conjunction with the 80th Annual National Convention of the Canadian Psychological Association, Halifax, NS.
- **Sparks, B.**, Perunovic, M, & MacLean, J. (2013, May). *Romantic relationship quality & conscientiousness: The role of self-control and implicit theories of relationships*. Poster presented at the Canadian Psychological Association Annual Convention preconference, Quebec City, PQ.

Podcasts and Webinars

- **Sparks, B.** (2023, June 15). *Cyberflashing: Empty laws and messy research*. Public Policy Exchange.
- **Sparks, B.** (2023, March 8). *Let's talk incels*. Let's Talk Forensic Psychology Podcast. https://youtu.be/2CNv1QTyn5U
- Sparks, B. (2022, December 8). *Incels: Psychological considerations to inform clinical practice*. International Forensic Psychiatry Lecture Series.

 https://www.forensicpsychiatryinstitute.com/international-forensic-psychiatry-lecture-series/recordings/

Sparks, B. (2022, October 5). What we know and what we need to know about incels. Safer Society Press. https://safersocietypress.org/what-we-know-and-what-we-need-to-know-about-incels/

Supervision Experience

Graduate Student Supervision

2022-2023 Sarah Jones

Kingston University

Project title: Judgements of cyberflashing across relational contexts

Saskia Whild

Kingston University

Project title: The effect of offender motivations on judgments of non-

consensual dissemination of intimate images

Androniki Konsola

Kingston University

Project title: Evaluations of deepfaking scenarios as a product of intent

Brooke Davies

Kingston University

Project title: The effect of modality on perceptions of (cyber)flashing

Undergraduate Student Supervision

2023-2024 Gaizka Iglesias Garcia, Solange Rodrigues Da Rocha, & Jessica Turley

Kingston University

Project title: The effect of dark personality, relationship beliefs, and perpetrator attractiveness on judgements of sexual harassment

Viktor Angelov, Patryk Koronkiewicz, & Natasha Woodgate

Kingston University

Project title: Support for safe consumption sites: The role of stigma and

perceived neighbourhood impact

2022-2023 Kajal Nazar, & Dominika Zabielska

Kingston University

Project title: Predictors of support for safe consumption sites

Faye Clarke, Bethaney Harrington, & Isabelle Sheehan

Kingston University

Project title: The effect of labelling on judgments of sexual offenders

2021-2022	Natalia Canas Gomez, Efterpi Fanourgiaki, Sharna McCulloch, Catalina
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Olarescu, & Sina Sommer *Kingston University*

Project title: Public responses to media portrayals of violent offenders

2019-2020 Drew Jamer (Co-Supervisor: Dr. Skye Stephens)

Saint Mary's University

Project title: The impact of psychosis on Static-99R scores and recidivism

in men who have committed sexual offenses

Other Supervision

2022-present Natalie Chong

AP-LS Mentorship Program

Project title: A systematic review of technology-facilitated sexual

violence perpetration

Teaching Experience

2023-present	PS6000 Psychology Research Project
_	Kingston University
2021-present	PS4005 Introduction to Forensic Psychology
	Kingston University
2021-present	PS6011 Introduction to Forensic Psychology
	Kingston University
2021-present	PS6016 Investigations and Cyber-Behaviour
	Kingston University
2021-present	FY3002 Practical Research Skills
	Kingston University
2020-2021	PSY 230 Criminal Behaviour
	University of Saskatchewan
2018-2019	PSY 230 Criminal Behaviour
	University of Saskatchewan
2018-2019	PSY 120 Biological and Cognitive Bases of Psychology
	University of Saskatchewan

Teaching Certificates and Awards

2023	School for Law, Social, and Behavioural Sciences Teaching Excellence
	Award
2022	Higher Education Academy Fellow
2021	The Practice of University Teaching

2020	Introduction to Teaching Online
2019	Instructional Skills Workshop

Teaching Assistant Experience

Teaching Assistant, PSY 243 Evolutionary Psychology, Dr Carla
Krachun
Teaching Assistant, PSY 120 Biological and Cognitive Bases of
Psychology, Dr. Carla Krachun
Teaching Assistant, PSY 230 Criminal Behaviour, Alexandra Zidenberg
Teaching Assistant, PSY 230 Criminal Behaviour, Dr. Stephen
Wormith
Teaching Assistant, PSY 230 Criminal Behaviour, Dr. Mark Olver
Teaching Assistant, PSY 235 Research Methods and Design, Dr. Karen
Lawson
Teaching Assistant, HLST 110 Introduction to Health Studies, Dr.
Ulrich Teucher
Teaching Assistant, PSY 214 Adolescent Development, Dr. Amanda
Baldwin
Teaching Assistant, PSY 230 Criminal Behaviour, Dr. Stephen
Wormith
Teaching Assistant, PSY 121 Social and Developmental Bases of
Psychology, Chris Cooper
Teaching Assistant, PSY 120 Biological and Cognitive Bases of
Psychology, Chris Cooper

Teaching Workshops

2023	Decentering Your Syllabus
2022	Reimagining Learning
2022	Introduction to Teaching and Learning 2
2021	Internationalization: Inclusive and Responsive Short Teaching Course
2020	The Practice of University Teaching
2020	Introduction to Teaching Philosophy Statements
2020	How to Use Discussion Forums Effectively
2020	Designing Learning for Asynchronous Delivery
2020	How Can I Effectively Use Panopto, WebEx, and Other External Tools?
2020	How Can I Use Quizzes and Surveys for Feedback, Practice, & Grades?
2020	How Do I Organize Course Content to Optimize the Learning
	Experience?
2020	How Can I Facilitate Students Working Collaboratively in Groups?
2020	I've Used Blackboard. What Does Canvas Have to Offer?
2020	How Do I Create and Facilitate Social Engagement for Learning?

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2020	Assessment - Remotely
2020	Introduction to Teaching Online
2020	The Practice of University Teaching
2020	Remote Assessment – Thinking Through Your Final Assessment
2020	Designing Outcome Based Assessment for Your Class
2019	Instructional Skills Workshop
2019	Introduction to Teaching Portfolios
2019	Grading Efficiently: Assignments and Rubrics in Blackboard Learn
2019	Introduction to Two-Stage Testing
2019	Quick Tips to Improve Multiple Choice Questions
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Awards and Recognitions

2023	LSBS QR Funding (£2,000)	Kingston University
2023	LSBS QR Funding (£2,050)	Kingston University
2022	SPSSI Teaching Resources Award	Society for the Psychological
		Study of Social Issues
2022	LSBS QR Funding (£842)	Kingston University
2018-2021	Dean's Scholarship (\$66,000)	University of Saskatchewan
2017-2018	CGS SSHRC (\$17,500)	University of Saskatchewan
2016-2017	Graduate Teaching Fellowship	University of Saskatchewan
	(\$17,500)	
2013	CPA Certificate of Excellence for	St. Thomas University
	Honours in Psychology	
2009-2013	Student Leadership Scholarship	St. Thomas University
	(\$8,000)	
2009-2013	Dean's List	St. Thomas University
2009	Entrance Scholarship (\$2,000)	St. Thomas University

Newsletter and Other Media

Sparks, **B.** (2019). Incel inside: Understanding involuntary celibates through dating app experiences. ATSA Forum Newsletter, XXXI (4).

Research Experience

2017-2019 Research Assistant, Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science and Justice Studies, Dr. Stephen Wormith

- Reviewed literature on various forms of violence
- Assessed global statistics on the prevalence and characteristics of various forms of violence and their perpetrators and victims
- Analyzed youth survey data for three First Nations communities

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2015-2016	Research Assistant, Dr. Katherine Starzyk
	 Reviewed literature on perspectives of reconciliation
	 Inspected comments left on Indigenous-focused articles on
	Canadian news websites
	 Used text-analysis software (LIWC) to summarize participant's responses to First Nations' clean water initiatives
2015-2016	Research Assistant, Dr. Beverley Fehr
	 Reviewed literature and provided summaries of Canadian research in social psychology for undergraduate textbook
2013-2014	Assistant Research Supervisor/Consultant, Dr. Dave Korotkov
	 Recommended literature and methodological approaches to three honours students, whose work spanned the research domains of humour, bullying, and the Dark Triad
2013-2014	Research Assistant, Dr. Mihailo Perunovic & Dr. Elaine Perunovic
	 Reviewed literature and designed a study on the Dark Triad and speed dating
	 Reviewed literature and designed a study on the Dark Triad and marital conflict
	 Reviewed literature on social comparison and mothers of preschool-aged children
2010-2011	Research Assistant, Dr. Mihailo Perunovic
	 Assisted honours student with inputting data and coding
	qualitative responses

Professional Service

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2022-present	Society for the Teaching of Psychology-Committee on Associate &		
	Baccalaureate Education "Market-Ready Measures" Workgroup		
2022-present	Kingston University Academic Council		
2021-present	Athena Swan Committee Member, Kingston University		
2020-present	North American Correctional and Criminal Justice Psychology		
	Marketing Committee Member		
	 Organizing and advertising upcoming conference 		
2018-present	Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers'		
-	Public Policy Committee Member		

Reviewer - Journals

2020-present

- Sexual Abuse
- Journal of Sexual Aggression
- Computers in Human Behavior
- Behavioral Sciences and the Law
- Psychology, Crime, and Law
- Journal of Happiness Studies
- Depression and Anxiety
- Psychology and Sexuality

- Sexual Offending: Theory, Research, and Prevention
- Journal of Forensic Psychology Research and Practice
- International Journal of Law, Crime, and Justice
- Frontiers in Psychology: Personality and Social Psychology

Reviewer – Conferences

2023	American Psychology Law-Society
2023	Association for the Treatment and Prevention of Sexual Abuse
2023	International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services
2022	American Psychology Law-Society
2020	Association for the Treatment and Prevention of Sexual Abuse

Examiner – Theses & Dissertations

2023 Myles Davidson

Consent in vanilla and BDSM sexual encounters: Conceptualization,

violations, and repercussions Saint Mary's University

2023 Samantha Williams

The risk-related correlates & recidivism of victim age polymorphism: A

meta-analysis

Saint Mary's University

Organizer – Conferences

2023 Association for the Treatment and Prevention of Sexual Abuse

Government Service

2022-present Police Encounter Panel

• Review police body camera footage to determine whether excessive use of force was applied

2017-2018 New Brunswick Department of Justice & Public Safety, Practicum

• Project on the requirements for the implementation of multisystemic therapy for juvenile sexual offenders

2017

New Brunswick Department of Justice & Public Safety, Internship

• Report on the prevention and reduction of child sexual abuse via a needs analysis and best-practices review

Open Science Initiatives

2022 ReproducibiliTea

Article discussed: Open Science Saves Lives: Lessons from the COVID-

19 Pandemic (Besançon et al., 2021)

Community Support

2021

RISE Virtual Coaching Event – Lincoln Correctional Center

Professional Memberships

2023-present	American Psychological Association
2022-present	British Psychological Society
2021-present	Society for the Teaching of Psychology
2020-present	American Psychology-Law Society
2018-present	Association for the Treatment and Prevention of Sexual Abuse
2013	Canadian Psychological Association

Media Appearances

2021-02-14	Global News, Saskatchewan	
2020-02-14	CTV	
2020-02-13	CJME Radio Regina	
2020-02-13	CTV News at Noon	
2020-02-11	CTV Saskatchewan Morning News	
2020-02-11	CBC Regina Radio Morning	
2020-02-11	CBC Saskatoon Radio Morning	
2020-02-11	Global News, Saskatchewan	
2020-02-04	On Campus News	

Volunteer & Extra-Curricular Activities

2017-2018	University of Saskatchewan Case Competition, Team Member
	 National placement (top 3) for both 2017 and 2018
2017-2019	Psychology Graduate Student Association, President

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2017-2019	Applied Social Psychology Faculty, Student Representative
2016-2017	Applied Social Psychology Department, Student Representative
2015-2016	Klinic Community Health, Crisis Line Volunteer
2012-2013	St. Thomas Psychology Society, Co-President
2010-2014	City of Fredericton Police Force, Victim Witness Volunteer