

# William Costello

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

2026 - Ph.D., Department of Psychology, University of Texas at Austin. Advisor: Dr. David M. Buss

2021 - MSc Psychology, Culture and Evolution, Brunel University London. Advisor: Prof. David P. Schmitt

2015 - Postgraduate degree in Career Guidance, Nottingham Trent University, United Kingdom

2014 - BA Hons in English and Education, Newman University, United Kingdom

### Publications

#### *Refereed journal articles*

Costello, W., Rolon, V., Thomas, A.G., Schmitt, D.P. (In press). Levels of wellbeing among men who are incel (involuntary celibate). *Evolutionary Psychological Science*.

#### *Manuscripts in preparation*

Costello, W., Rolon, V., Thomas, A.G., Schmitt, D.P. The mating psychology of incels (involuntary celibates).

#### *Popular Science Articles*

Costello, W. (2022, April 18) Analysis of 1.8 million online daters shows resource-acquisition ability boosts romantic interest. *PsyPost*.

Costello, W. (2021, June 8). When Men Behave Badly: The Hidden Roots of Sexual Deception, Harassment and Assault. *Areo*.

Costello, W. (2021, January 21). Birthstrike: the movement to end all movements. *Quillette*.

Costello, W. (2020, September 23) How Sport Can Reduce Racism: An Irish Case Study. *Areo*.

## **Awards**

- Winner of the Best Oral Presentation award at the British Society for the Psychology of Individual Differences (2022)
- Winner of the Feminist Evolutionary Psychology Society award (2021)
- Winner of the Best Poster award at the Evolutionary Perspectives on Culture Conference (2021)

## **Conference presentations**

Costello, W. The Psychological Profile of Involuntary Celibates (July 2022) Talk presented at The British Psychological Society Male Psychology Conference, England.

Costello, W. Modern mating markets, misogyny, and the involuntary celibacy (incel) movement (June 2022) Talk presented at Human Behavior and Evolution Society Still Virtually Everywhere, online.

Costello, W. The Psychological Profile of Involuntary Celibates (June 2022) talk presented at the Online Hostility and Bystanders conference, Aarhus.

Costello, W. The Psychological Profile of Involuntary Celibates (April 2022) Talk presented as a data blitz at the Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society conference, Pittsburgh.

Costello, W. The Psychological Profile of Involuntary Celibates (April 2022) Talk presented as a data blitz at the European Human Behavior and Evolution Association, online.

Costello, W., Rolon, V. The Psychological Profile of Involuntary Celibates (April 2022) Talk presented at the British Society for the Psychology of Individual Differences, Nottingham.

Costello, W., The Psychological Profile of Involuntary Celibates (December 2021) Counter Extremism Conference.

Costello, W., The Psychological Profile of Involuntary Celibates (February 2022) talk presented as a data blitz at the Sexuality Pre-conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology

## ***Poster presentations***

Costello, W. Modern mating markets, misogyny, and the involuntary celibacy (incel) movement (July 2022) International Academy of Sex Researchers Conference, Reykjavik.

Costello, W. Moral Typecasting and Gamma bias may Blind us to Sexually Exploitative Female Mating Strategies (June 2021) British Psychological Society Male Psychology Conference

Costello, W. Moral Typecasting and Gamma bias may Blind us to Sexually Exploitative Female Mating Strategies (2021) Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society, online.

Costello, W. WEIRD Cultural Norms Evoke Mating Strategies that Facilitate Effective Polygyny (2021) British Psychological Society Male Psychology Conference, online.

Costello, W. WEIRD Cultural Norms Evoke Mating Strategies that Facilitate Effective Polygyny (2021)  
Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society Conference, Online.

Costello, W. WEIRD Cultural Norms Evoke Mating Strategies that Facilitate Effective Polygyny (2021)  
University of Stirling Evolutionary Perspectives on Culture Conference.

## **Teaching Experience**

2022 – Teaching assistant for Dr. Laretta Reeves Infant Development course - University of Texas at Austin

2022 – Helped design and deliver a new Evolutionary Perspectives on Romantic Relationships module - Swansea University

2021 – Delivered a guest lecture for the Evolutionary Psychology class - SUNY New Paltz

## **Research Experience**

2022 – Buss Lab – University of Texas at Austin

2022/2023 – Honorary Research Assistant – Swansea University

2020/2021 – Personality and Culture Lab – Brunel University London

2020/2021 – Visiting Researcher at the Evolutionary Psychology lab – SUNY New Paltz

## **Podcast Appearances**

TriggerNometry. (August, 2022). The Truth About Incels. [Video].

The Dissenter. (August, 2022). The Psychology of Involuntary Celibates and Modern Mating Psychology. [Video]

Ayn Rand Centre UK. (August, 2021) Choice, Evolution & Human Behaviour | Yaron Brook Debates William Costello [Video]

## **Journal refereeing experience**

*Culture and Evolution, Journal of Online Trust and Safety, Personality and Individual Differences, Evolutionary Psychological Science*

## **Professional Affiliations**

Academic-Practitioner Counter Extremism Network (APCEN).

Human Behavior and Evolution Society

British Psychological Society Male Psychology Section

Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society (NEEPS)

International Academy of Sex Researchers (IASR)