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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, *Psychology Department, Indiana State University*

August 2025

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Department of Psychology, University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin)

2025

Advisor: Dr. David M. Buss | *Individual Differences and Evolutionary Psychology Area*

M.A., Department of Psychology, California State University Fullerton (CSUF)

2021

Advisor: Dr. Aaron T. Goetz | *Special Honors*

B.A., Department of Psychology, California State University Fullerton

2018

Cum Laude

PUBLICATIONS

§ = Joint First Authorship

* = Undergraduate Student Mentee

Peer Reviewed Articles

9. Costello, W., Sedlacek, A. G. B., Durkee, P. K., Crosby, C. L., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Buss, D. M. (accepted). Evolutionary psychology hypotheses are testable and falsifiable. *American Psychologist*. [IF: 12.3]
8. Sasaki, R., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Shimizu, E. (2024). Development of the Japanese version of the Rape Excusing Attitudes and Language Scale and comparison between rape myth acceptance in Japan and the U.S. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. [IF: 2.6]
7. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Goetz, C. D., & Goetz, A. T. (2024). Men's attitudes toward third party casual sex predict rape myth acceptance. *Culture and Evolution*, 20(1), 124-136.
6. Pillsworth, E. G., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Barrett, H. C. (2023). The role of parent-offspring conflict in Shuar partner choice and marital practices. *Evolution and Human Behavior*. 44(6), 639-651. DOI: 10.1016/j.evolhumbehav.2023.11.002. [IF: 3.0]
5. Krems, J. A., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Merrie, L. A., Williams, K. E., & Szyncer, D. (2023). Sometimes we want vicious friends: An embedded dyad framework predicts target-specificity in friend preferences. *Evolution and Human Behavior*, 44(2), 88-98. [IF: 3.0]

4. §**Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, §Goetz, A. T., & Goetz, C. D. (2022). Do environmental cues to discovery influence the likelihood to rape? *Evolutionary Psychology*. DOI: 10.1177/147049221141078. [IF: 1.4]
3. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Goetz, A. T. (2022). Development and validation of the Rape Excusing Attitudes and Language Scale. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 186: 111359. DOI: 10.1016/j.paid.2021.111359 [IF: 3.5]
2. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Peeters, K. J., & Goetz, A. T. (2021). Why boulder springs has no boulders and no springs: Evolved landscape preferences and naming conventions. *Psychology of Aesthetics, Creativity, and the Arts*. Advance online publication. DOI: 10.1037/aca0000414 [IF: 2.7]
1. §**Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, §Idoine, J. L., Jackson, R. E., & Goetz, A. T. (2020). Is the vertical-horizontal illusion a byproduct of the environmental vertical illusion? *Evolutionary Psychology*. DOI: 10.1177/1474704920961953 [IF: 1.4]

Invited Commentaries

1. Crosby, C. L., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Buss, D. M. (2022). Toward a more domain-specific conceptualization of female traits: A commentary on Benenson et al. (2022). *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 45, E134. DOI:10.1017/S0140525X22000450 [IF: 29.3]

Edited Volume Contributions

5. *Jacques, B., & **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.** (2025). Femicide: Causes. In T. K. Shackelford (Ed.). *Encyclopedia of Sexual Psychology and Behavior*. Springer Nature.
4. *Kim, H. & **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.** (2025). Guilt helps navigate social norms and boundaries: In relation to sexual fantasies about unwanted sexual advances. In T. K. Shackelford (Ed.). *Encyclopedia of Sexual Psychology and Behavior*. Springer Nature.
3. *Fisher, K. & **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.** (2025). Bisexuality in females: Infanticide avoidance; women, their lovers, and their children. In T. K. Shackelford (Ed.) *Springer Nature Encyclopedia of Sexual Psychology and Behavior*. Springer.
2. Freihart, B. K., McMahon, L. N., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Meston, C. M. (2023). Relationship satisfaction. In T. K. Shackelford (Ed.) *Springer Nature Encyclopedia of Sexual Psychology and Behavior*. Springer.
1. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.** (2023). Bodyguard hypothesis, rape and coercion. In T. K. Shackelford (Ed.) *Springer Nature Encyclopedia of Sexual Psychology and Behavior*. Springer. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-031-08956-5_295-1

Preprints

1. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.** (2021, July 20). Potential for Collaboration: Differences Between Evolutionary Anthropology and Evolutionary Psychology as Scientific Disciplines. <https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/kp4rc>

Manuscripts under review

4. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Krems, J. A., Williams, K. E. G., & Peterson, E. (under review). Americans are more censorious of art by artists accused of sexual assault than other crimes (including murder).
3. §Costello, W., §**Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Baca, P., Dougan, F. & Buss, D. M. (revising manuscript). Theoretical Status and Replicability in Evolutionary Psychology. [Invited target article]. *Psychological Inquiry*. Expected resubmission July 2025.
2. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Costello, W., Baca, P., & Buss, D. M. (under review). Cross sex theory of mind in the domain of sexual violence.
1. §Baca, P. A., §Costello, W., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Thomas, A. G., Schmitt, D. P., & Buss, D. M. (under review). Cross-sex and intrasexual theory of mind: Perceptions of sex-typical sexual desires.

Manuscripts in Preparation

7. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Goetz, A. T., & Goetz, C. D. (in prep). Individual differences in men's likelihood to rape. [Revising Manuscript]. Expected submission June 2025.
6. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Crosby, C. L., Durkee, P. K., Asao, K., Buss, D. M., ... et al. (in prep). The universal role of religiosity in sexual moralization across 20 countries: From Chile to Thailand. [Analyzing Data]. Expected submission June 2026.
5. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Crosby, C. L., Durkee, P. K., Asao, K., Buss, D. M. ... et al. (in prep). The universal role of disgust in sexual moralization across 16 countries: From Chile to Thailand. [Analyzing Data]. Expected submission June 2026.
4. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Crosby, C. L., Durkee, P. K., Buss, D. M., ... et al. (in prep). Universality of sexual morality across 20 countries: From Chile to Thailand. [Analyzing data]. Expected submission June 2026.
3. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Buss, D. M. (in prep). Women's defenses against sexual violence. [Revising Manuscript].
2. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Buss, D. M. (in prep). Testing design features of women's bodyguard psychology. [Drafting Manuscript and Analyzing Data]

1. Durkee, P., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Buss, D. M. (revising MS). Emotionality and physical strength: Sex differences covary across 50 countries.

Other Publications

*undergraduate student mentee

5. *Mijares, S. A., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Buss, D. M. (2023). Perceived Vulnerability to Disease in Men and Women in Committed Romantic Relationship. *Texas ScholarWorks Archive*.
4. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.** (2021, August 2). The state of Evolution and Human Behavior: Potential for future collaborations between Evolutionary Anthropologists and Evolutionary Psychologists. *Human Behavior and Evolution Society Blog*.
3. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.** (2020). *Attitudes toward third party casual sex predict rape myth acceptance: A test of the reproductive morality model* (28028944). [Master's thesis, California State University, Fullerton]. ProQuest.
<https://www.proquest.com/openview/806c9dbdfb4cb0e4fe9a98338133067c/>
2. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Massie, S., Polito, A., Rodriguez, N. N., Rodriguez, N., Ruff, B., Goetz, A. T., Goetz, C. G., Lukaszewski, A. W., Manson, J. H., Patton, J. Q., Pillsworth, E. G., & Schniter, E. (2020, December 2). Letter to the editorial board of Evolutionary Behavioral Sciences. *Evolutionary Psychology Lab Blog*.
1. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Massie, S., Polito, A., Rodriguez, N. N., Rodriguez, N., Ruff, B., Goetz, A. T., Goetz, C. D., Lukaszewski, A. W., Patton, J. Q., Pillsworth, E. G., & Schniter, E. (2020, July 8). Evolutionary Psychologists can't practice what they don't preach: A Response to Gallup (2020). *Evolutionary Psychology Lab Blog*.

AWARDS AND HONORS

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| 17. Graduate Student Profile – Highlighted by The Graduate School | SP 2025 |
| 16. Accessibility Champion Award, UT Austin | FA 2024 |
| 15. Best Original Hypothesis competition – Evolutionary Psychology Seminar
<i>Third place</i> | 2024 |
| 14. Nominated for PEO Scholar Award by Austin, TX chapter | 2024 |
| 13. Professional Development Award, UT Austin (\$250) | 2023 – 2024 |
| 12. Janet T. Spence Teaching Award, UT Austin (\$500) | 2023 – 2024 |
| 11. Clark A. Burnham Memorial Professional Development Award, UT Austin (\$500) | 2024 |

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| 10. Accessibility Champion Award, UT Austin | SP 2023 |
| 9. James M. Young Endowment Award, UT Austin (\$3,650 total) | FA '22, SP '23, FA '23 |
| 8. SPSP Convention Registration Stipend (\$226) | 2024 |
| 7. Issachar Fund Stipend for SPSP's Spirituality and Religion Preconference (\$1,500) | 2023 |
| 6. SPSP Convention's Evolutionary Preconference Registration Subsidy Award (\$75) | 2023 |
| 5. Clark A. Burnham Memorial Professional Development Award, UT Austin (\$500) | 2022 |
| 4. APS Student Grant Competition 2022 – Honorable Mention
<i>Extended Association of Psychological Science membership</i> | 2022 |
| 3. Schweitzer Research and Creative Activities Award, CSU Fullerton (\$500) | 2021 |
| 2. William D. Puzo Memorial Scholarship, CSU Fullerton (\$1,000) | 2020 |
| 1. Emeriti Memorial and Benson Scholarship, CSU Fullerton (\$2,000) | 2020 |

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Grants

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| 6. University of Texas at Austin's Special Funding Request (\$2,000)
<i>Travel award benefiting myself and three undergraduate students presenting research at the 2025 annual convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology.</i> | FA 2024 |
| 5. Swansea's Strategic Partners seedcorn fund (£4925/\$5257) | 2023 – 2024 |
| 4. Templeton Religion Trust and the Issachar Fund (\$10,000)
<i>Co-PI on Sexual Morality, Evolution, and Religion grant</i> | 2022 – 2023 |
| 3. Giles T. Brown Travel Grant, CSU Fullerton (\$500) | 2020 |
| 2. H&SS Inter-Club Council Travel Grant, CSU Fullerton (\$700 total) | 2019 & 2020 |
| 1. Psi Chi International Honors Society Undergraduate Research Grant (\$1,495)
<i>Supervising PI on Do attitudes toward others having casual sex predict rape myth acceptance?</i> | 2020 |

Fellowships

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| 6. COLA Summer Research Fellowship (\$10,000) | 2025 – 2026 |
| 5. Clark Summer Research Fellowship (\$673) | 2025 – 2026 |
| 4. Helmreich Endowed Presidential Fellowship (\$4,000) | 2023 – 2024 |
| 3. Graduate School Continuing Fellowship, UT Austin (\$6,900) | 2023 – 2024 |
| 2. Graduate School Continuing Fellowship, UT Austin (\$5,000) | 2022 – 2023 |
| 1. Elevar and Graduate Equity Fellowship, CSU Fullerton (\$4,000) | 2020 – 2021 |

PRESENTATIONS

Papers Presented

20. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Buss, D. M. (June 11, 2025). *Rape fear is target-specific* [Talk]. Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society, Atlantic City, NJ, USA.
19. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Buss, D. M. (June 9, 2025). Towards a taxonomy of women's defenses against sexual violence [Talk]. Feminist Evolutionary Psychology Society, Atlantic City, NJ, USA.
18. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Dougan, F. S., Baca, P., Costello, W., Schmitt, D. P., & Buss, D. M. (June 9, 2025). *Cross-sex Mind-reading: The costs of sexual violence and self-perceived mate value* [Talk]. Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society, Atlantic City, NJ, USA.
17. Buss, D. M., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Crosby, C. L., Durkee, P., Asao, K., Bendixen, M., Kennair, L. E. O., Burtsev, E., Egorov, D., Mikhalchenko, K., Vykhodtcev, S., Giosan, C., Jarukasemthawee, S., Pisitsungkagarn, K., Jeon, J., Sawicki, A., & Zemojtel-Piotrowska, M. (2025, June 6). *Sexual morality in 21 countries* [Talk]. Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Atlantic City, NJ, USA.
16. Baca, P., Costello, W., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Thomas, A. G., Schmitt, D. P., & Buss, D. M. (2024, April 19). *Adaptive errors and accuracies: Sex differences in cross sex mind reading of sexual desires* [Talk]. Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society, Niagara Falls, NY, USA.
15. Gunerante, A., Baca, P., Costello, W., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Thomas, A. G., Schmitt, D. P., & Buss, D. M. (2024, April 19). *Intrasexual theory of mind: Sexual desires* [Data blitz]. Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society, Niagara Falls, NY, USA.

14. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K., & Buss, D. M.** (2023, August). *Testing hypothesized design features of women's bodyguard psychology* [Data blitz]. Flyover-State Scientists Integrating Evolution, Fayetteville, AK, USA.
13. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K., & Buss, D. M.** (2024, April 20). *Perceived formidability mediates the relationship between women's emotionality and fear of rape* [Talk]. Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society, Niagara Falls, NY, USA.
12. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K., Baca, P., Costello, W., Schmitt, D. P., & Buss, D. M.** (2023, June). *Perceptions of psychological pain following sexual victimization: Errors in cross-sex mind-reading* [Talk]. Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Palm Springs, CA, USA.
11. Buss, D. M., Baca, P., Costello, W., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K., & Schmitt, D. P.** (2023, June). *Do mind-reading adaptations possess sex-differentiated design features?* [Talk]. Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Palm Springs, CA, USA.
10. Costello, W., Baca, P., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K., Schmitt, D. P., & Buss, D. M.** (2023, June). *Adaptive errors and accuracies: Sex differences in cross-sex mind-reading of sexual desires* [Talk]. Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Palm Springs, CA, USA.
9. Baca, P., Costello, W., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K., Schmitt, D. P., & Buss, D. M.** (2023, June). *Uncovering the individual differences in men and women's theory of mind in mating psychology* [Talk]. Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Palm Springs, CA, USA.
8. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K., Crosby, C. L., & Buss, D. M.** (2023, May). *Sexual morality and the importance of religion across 16 countries* [Talk]. Evolution of Science and Religion as Meaning-Making Systems, Dublin, Ireland.
7. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K., & Buss, D. M.** (2023, April). *Women's use of social allies as bodyguards are perpetrator specific* [Data blitz]. Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society, New Paltz, NY, USA.
6. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K., & Buss, D. M.** (2022, May). *Are women's use of social allies as bodyguards perpetrator specific?* [Talk]. California Workshop of Evolutionary Social Sciences, Fullerton, CA, USA.
5. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K., Goetz, A. T.** (2022, April). *Development and validation of the Rape Excusing Attitudes and Language Scale* [Data blitz]. Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society, Pittsburgh, PA, USA.

4. Krems, J. A., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Merrie, L. A., & Williams, K. E. G. (2021, October). *Target-specific friend preferences: When we want kind, trustworthy, but also vicious friends* [Talk]. Society of Experimental Social Psychology, Seattle, WA, USA.
3. Krems, J. A., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Merrie, L. A. (2021, June). *Target-specific friend preferences: When we want kind, trustworthy, but also vicious friends* [Talk]. Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Virtually Everywhere.
2. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Goetz, A. T. (2020, March). *Reproductive strategies predicting rape myth acceptance: A test of the reproductive morality model* [Talk]. Psychology Day, California State University Fullerton, Fullerton, CA.
1. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Ngov, C., & Goetz, A. T. (2019, November). *She asked for it, and he didn't mean to: Reproductive strategies predict rape myth acceptance* [Talk]. Southwestern Association of Biological Anthropology, Phoenix, AZ, USA.

Posters Presented

15. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Buss, D. M. (2025, February 20). *Formidability, emotionality, and fear of rape* [Poster]. Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Evolutionary Psychology Preconference, Denver, CO, USA.
14. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Demiralp, M., & Buss, D. M. (2025, February 20). *Formidability, emotionality, and the fear of rape*. [Poster]. Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Denver, CO, USA.
13. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Baca, P., Costello, W., Schmitt, D., & Buss, D. M. (2024, February). *Theory of mind, individual differences, and upset following sexual violence: Minding the gap* [Poster]. Society for Personality and Social Psychology's Evolutionary Psychology preconference, San Diego, CA, USA.
12. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Buss, D. M. (2024, February). *Exploring strategies and individual differences in combating sexual violence* [Poster]. Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA, USA.
11. Sasaki, R., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Shimizu, E. (2023, June). *Development of the Japanese version of the Rape Excusing Attitudes and Language Scale* [Poster]. World Congress of Cognitive and Behavioral Therapies, Seoul, South Korea.
10. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Buss, D. M. (2023, June). *Women's use of social allies as bodyguards are perpetrator specific* [Poster]. Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Palm Springs, CA, USA.

9. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.,** Crosby, C. L., & Buss, D. M. (2023, February). *Sexual morality across 14 countries* [Poster]. Society of Personality and Social Psychology's Spirituality and Religion Preconference, Atlanta, GA, USA.
8. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.,** & Buss, D. M. (2023, February). *Women's use of social allies as bodyguards are perpetrator specific* [Poster]. Society of Personality and Social Psychology's Evolutionary Preconference, Atlanta, GA, USA.
7. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.,** & Buss, D. M. (2022, June). *Are women's use of social allies as bodyguards perpetrator specific?* [Poster]. Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Still Virtually Everywhere.
6. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.,** Goetz, C. G., & Goetz, A. T. (2021, June). *How attitudes about casual sex influence judgments of rape victims and perpetrators: An experimental test of the reproductive morality model* [Poster]. Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Virtually Everywhere.
5. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.,** & Goetz, A. T. (2021, February). *How attitudes about casual sex influence judgments of rape victims and perpetrators: A preliminary experimental test of the reproductive morality model* [Poster]. Society of Personality and Social Psychology's Evolutionary Preconference, Virtual Conference.
4. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.,** & Goetz, A. T. (2020, August). *Adding insult to injury: Attitudes toward casual sex is a unique predictor of rape myth acceptance for men but not women* [Poster]. Society for Personality and Social Psychology Division of American Psychological Association Convention, Washington, DC. (Canceled due to COVID-19)
3. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.,** & Goetz, A. T. (2020, February). *Does exploitation of evolved landscape preferences increase perceived housing value?* [Poster]. Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA, USA.
2. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.,** Goetz, A., & Peeters, K. (2019, May). *Home is where the nature is: A content analysis of apartment buildings and neighborhoods* [Poster]. Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Boston, MA, USA.
1. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.,** Goetz, A., & Peeters, K. (2019, April). *Home is where the nature is: A content analysis* [Poster]. Natural Sciences and Math Inter Club Council Research Symposium, Fullerton, CA, USA.

Panel Discussions

4. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.** (2024, June). *Graduate student Q&A for SURE program* [Panel discussion]. The University of Texas at Austin, TX, USA.

3. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.** (2023, September). *Gear up for grad school* [Panel discussion]. Psychology Department's Diversity Committee, The University of Texas at Austin, TX, USA.
2. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.** (2020, April). *Graduate student research panel* [Panel discussion]. Regional Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference, Redlands, CA, USA. (canceled due to COVID-19).
1. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.** (2020, April). *Graduate student Q&A panel* [Panel discussion]. Regional Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference, Redlands, CA, USA. (canceled due to COVID-19).

Invited Lectures and Talks

18. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.** (2025, April). *Sexual Conflict: Sexual Violence and Women's Defenses*. University of Texas at Austin, Evolutionary Psychology, Austin, TX, USA.
17. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.** (2025, April). *Sexual Conflict and Jealousy*. University of Texas at Austin, Introduction to Human Sexuality, Austin, TX, USA.
16. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K., & Meston, C.** (2025, March). *Sex Crimes: Sexual Assault*. University of Texas at Austin, Introduction to Human Sexuality, Austin, TX, USA.
15. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.** (2025, February). *Women's Threat Management Against Sexual Violence*. Appalachian State University, Boone, NC.
14. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.** (2025, January). *Women's Threat Management Against Sexual Violence*. Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN
13. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.** (2024, October). *Women's Defenses Against Sexual Violence: A Tripartite Model*. Chapman University, Comparative Human Sexuality, Orange, CA.
12. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K., Buss, D. M., & Meston, C.** (2024, March). *Jealousy*. University of Texas at Austin, Introduction to Human Sexuality, Austin, TX, USA.
11. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K., & Meston, C. M.** (2024, March). *Evolutionary perspective on rape*. University of Texas at Austin, Introduction to Human Sexuality, Austin, TX, USA.
10. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.** (2024, February). *Women's Defenses Against Sexual Violence*. Invited lecture at the Center for the Study of Human Nature's speaker series, California State University, Fullerton, CA, USA.
9. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.** (2024, January). *Women's Defenses Against Sexual Violence*. Texas A&M International University, Laredo, TX, USA.

8. Meston, C. M., & **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.** (2023, November). *Everything else you wanted to know about sex*. University of Texas at Austin, Introduction to Human Sexuality, Austin, TX, USA.
7. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Buss, D. M. (2023, April). *Women's cultivation of bodyguards*. Presented at State University New York's EVoS Seminar Series, New Paltz, NY, USA.
6. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Meston, C. M. (2023, March). *Evolutionary perspective on rape*. University of Texas at Austin, Introduction to Human Sexuality, Austin, TX, USA.
5. Buss, D. M., & **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.** (2023, March). *Jealousy*. University of Texas at Austin, Introduction to Human Sexuality, Austin, TX, USA.
4. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Buss, D. M. (2023, February). *Evolved defenses against sexual violence*. St. Edward's University, Austin, TX, USA.
3. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Buss, D. M. (2022, December). *Women's use of social allies as bodyguards are perpetrator specific*. California State University, Fullerton, Evolutionary Psychology, Fullerton, CA, USA.
2. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.** (2022, September). *Social psychology through an evolutionary lens*. School of Behavioral and Social Sciences. St. Edward's University, Austin, TX, USA.
1. Goetz, A., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Ruff, B. (2019, October). *Tabulator data and graphical representation*. California State University, Fullerton, Introduction to Research Methods, Fullerton, CA, USA.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Buss Evolutionary Lab – University of Texas at Austin <i>Spring 2022 – Fall 2025: Lab Manager</i> <i>Symposia Organized</i> <i>Mind The Gap: Cross-Sex Theory of Mind – HBES, 2023</i>	2021 – Present
Evolutionary Psychology Lab – CSU Fullerton <i>Fall 2018 – Spring 2021: Lab Manager</i>	2018 – 2021
Study of Human Nature Lab – CSU Fullerton	2018 – 2021
HI-CARES Lab – CSU Fullerton	2015 – 2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Tenure-Track Appointments – Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN

Human Sexuality	2025
Psychological Research & Writing	2025
Research in Psychology	2025

Adjunct Appointments – St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas

Social Statistics	FA 2024
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Teaching Assistantships – University of Texas at Austin

Introduction to Human Sexuality	SP 2022, SP 2023 – present
Introductory Psychology	SU 2023
Psychological Methods and Statistics	FA 2022
Introduction to Statistics for Behavioral Sciences	SU 2022
Health Psychology	FA 2021

Teaching Assistantships – California State University, Fullerton

Introductory Psychology	2020
Evolutionary Psychology	2019 – 2021
Introduction to Research Methods	2019 – 2021
Psychology of Human Sexuality	2019 – 2020
Intermediate Statistics	FA 2016

STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Previous Undergraduate Mentees and Their Academic Outcomes

Samantha Mijares

Accepted School Psychology Ph.D. program offer at University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona (FA 2024)

Talia Chachkes

Accepted Ph.D. Psychological Research Ph.D. program offer at Texas Christian University, Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas (FA 2023)

Savannah Lee

Accepted M.A. in Clinical Psychology program offer at University of Colorado, Colorado Springs (FA 2022)

Katherine Garcia

Accepted M.A. in Psychological Research program offer at California State University, Fullerton (FA 2020)

Amanda Golden-Eddy

Accepted M.A. in Psychological Research program offer at California State University, Fullerton (FA 2020)

Addison Linneen

Accepted M.A. in Psychological Research program offer at California State University, Fullerton (FA 2020)

Undergraduate Honor's Thesis Advisement

Samantha Mijares (2021-2022)– Perceived vulnerability to disease and sexual satisfaction in men and women in committed relationships.

J'dyn King (2023 – 2024) – Individual Differences in Women's Defenses Against Sexual Violence

Emily Phonsnasinh (2024 – 2025) – Women's Coping Mechanisms and Well-Being Following Sexual Victimization

Melis Demiralp (2024 – 2025) – Queer Women's Preferences for Masculine Mates: The Bodyguard Hypothesis

Hannah Kim (2025 – 2026) – Co-advised with Köll Rada: Sexual Morality and Status Impacts

Student Awards and Grants

5. Best Student Poster Award, Northeast Evolutionary Psychology Society 2025
Bianca Jacques, *The Universal Structure of Sexual Disgust*
4. Burke Smith Research Award (\$3,000) supporting data collection and travel to present findings – Research award held by Melis Demiralp, *Supervising PI – Rebecka Hahnel-Peeters*
3. Undergraduate Research Fellowship, UT Austin (\$1,000) 2022 – 2023
Talia Chachkes, *Individual Differences in the Frequency of Using Various Defenses Against sexual Violence.*
2. Undergraduate Research Fellowship, UT Austin (\$500) 2022 – 2023
J'dyn King, *Individual Differences in the Frequency of Using Various Defenses Against Sexual Violence*
1. Third Place in UGS Student Writing Flag Contest (\$100) 2021 – 2022
Samantha Mijares, *Perceived vulnerability to disease and sexual satisfaction in men and women in committed relationships.*

Student Talks

*Indicates undergraduate mentee presenter

6. *Jacques, B., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Crosby, C. L., Durkee, P. K., Bendixen, M., Kennair, L. E. O., Jeon, J., & Buss, D. M. (June 8, 2025). *The universal structure of sexual disgust* [Talk]. Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Atlantic City, NJ, USA.
4. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, *King, J., & Buss, D. M. (2024, April 18). *Individual differences in the frequency of using bodyguards and physical defense tactics against sexual violence* [Data blitz]. Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society, Niagara Falls, NY, USA.
3. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, *King, J., & Buss, D. M. (2023, June). *Individual differences in the frequency of using various defenses against sexual violence* [Talk]. Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Palm Springs, CA, USA.
2. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, *Demiralp, M., Crosby, C. C., & Buss, D. M. (2023, June). *The universal role of disgust in sexual moralization across 19 countries* [Talk]. Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Palm Springs, CA, USA.
1. *Chachkes, T., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Buss, D. M. (2023, June). *Women's defenses against men displaying atypical behaviors* [Talk]. Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Palm Springs, CA, USA.

Student Posters

*Indicates undergraduate mentee presenter

#Indicates honor's student presenter

24. *Jacques, B., Hahnel-Peeters, R. K., Crosby, C. L., Durkee, P. K., Bendixen, M., Kennair, L. E. O., Jeon, J., & Buss, D. M. (June 10, 2025). *The universal structure of sexual disgust* [Poster]. Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society, Atlantic City, NJ, USA.
23. *Demiralp, M., Kenny, K., & **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.** (June 9, 2025). *Exploring queer women's mate preferences* [Poster]. Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society, Atlantic City, NJ, USA.
22. *Fisher, K., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Buss, D. M. (2025, February 20). *Intimate guardians: Sex differences in the use of romantic partners as bodyguards* [Poster]. Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Evolutionary Psychology Preconference, Denver, CO, USA.
21. *Phonsnasinh, E. E., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Baca, P., Costello, W., Schmitt, D., & Buss, D. M. (2025, February 20). *Testing individual differences in cross-sex theory of mind within the domain of sexual violence* [Poster]. Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Evolutionary Psychology Preconference, Denver, CO, USA.

20. *Kim, H., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Crosby, C. L., Durkee, P. K. ... & Buss, D. M. (2025, February, 20). *Sex differences in sexual disgust across 16 countries*. [Poster]. Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Denver, CO, USA.
19. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, *Montez, A., Baca, P., Costello, W., Schmitt, D. P., & Buss, D. M. (2024, April). *Cross-sex mind-reading errors in upset following sexual violence* [Poster]. Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society, Niagara Falls, NY, USA.
18. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, *Phonsnasingh, E., Baca, P., Costello, W., Schmitt, D. P., & Buss, D. M. (2024, April). *Testing individual differences in cross-sex theory of mind within the domain of sexual violence* [Poster]. Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society, Niagara Falls, NY, USA.
17. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, *Kim, H., & Buss, D. M. (2024, April). *Women's defenses against sexual violence* [Poster]. Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society, Niagara Falls, NY, USA.
16. *Montez, A., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Baca, P., Costello, W., Schmitt, D., & Buss, D. M. (2024, April). *Cross-sex mind-reading errors in upset following sexual violence* [Poster]. Longhorn Research Week, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, USA.
15. *Phonsnasingh, E., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Baca, P., Costello, W., Schmitt, D., & Buss, D. M. (2024, April). *Testing individual differences in cross-sex theory of mind within the domain of sexual violence* [Poster]. Longhorn Research Week, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, USA.
14. *Jacques, B. R., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Baca, P., Costello, W., Schmitt, D. P., & Buss, D. M. (2024, April). *Mind the gap: Cross-sex mind-reading surrounding psychological health following sexual violence* [Poster]. Longhorn Research Week, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, USA.
13. *Fisher, K., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Buss, D. M. (2024, April). *Intimate guardians: Investigating preliminary data on sex differences in the use of romantic partners as bodyguards* [Poster]. Longhorn Research Week, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, USA.
12. *Kim, H., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Buss, D. M. (2024, April). *Women's defenses against sexual violence* [Poster]. Longhorn Research Week, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, USA.

11. *Montez, A. L., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Crosby, C. C., & Buss, D. M. (2023, June). *Religion and sexual morality across 14 Nations* [Poster]. Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Palm Springs, CA, USA.
10. *Chachkes, T., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Buss, D. M. (2023, April). *Women's defenses against men displaying atypical behaviors* [Poster]. Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology conference, New Paltz, NY, USA.
9. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, *King, J., & Buss, D. M. (2023, February). *Examining perpetrator-specificity and individual differences in the frequency of various defenses against sexual violence* [Poster]. Society of Personality and Social Psychology's Evolutionary Preconference, Atlanta, GA, USA.
8. *Chachkes, T., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Buss, D. M. (2023, February). *Does women's protective psychology detect, track, and motivate defenses against individuals displaying non-normative, unpredictable behaviors?* [Poster]. Society of Personality and Social Psychology's Evolutionary Preconference, Atlanta, GA, USA.
7. ‡Mijares, S., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Crosby, C. L., & Buss, D. M. (2022, December). *Perceived vulnerability to disease and sexual satisfaction in men and women in committed romantic relationships* [Poster]. University of Texas at Austin's undergraduate's honors symposium, Austin, TX, USA.
6. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, *Tsai, J., Goetz, C. D., & Goetz, A. T. (2022, April). *Men's attitudes toward third party casual sex predict rape myth acceptance* [Poster]. Longhorn Research Poster Session, Austin, TX, USA.
5. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, *Nguyen, S., & Goetz, A. T. (2021, April). *How attitudes about casual sex influence judgments of rape victims and perpetrators: A preliminary experimental test of the reproductive morality model* [Poster]. Virtual HSS Student Research Symposium, Fullerton, CA, USA.
4. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, *Lee, S., & Goetz, A. T. (2022, February). *Development and validation of the Rape Excusing Attitudes and Language Scale* [Poster]. Society of Personality and Social Psychology's Evolutionary Preconference, San Francisco, CA, USA.
3. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, *Duarte, H., Goetz, A., Peeters, K. (2019, April). *Home is where the nature is: A content analysis* [Poster]. California Workshop for the Evolutionary Social Sciences, Chino Hills, CA, USA.
2. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, *Garcia, K., Ngov, C., & Goetz, A. T. (2019, November). *She asked for it, and he didn't mean to: Reproductive strategies predict rape myth acceptance* [Poster]. Southern California Conferences for Undergraduate Research, San Marcos, CA, USA.

1. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.,** *Levine, S., Peeters, K., & Goetz, A. T. (2019, November). *Does exploitation of evolved landscape preferences increase perceived value of homesteads?* [Poster]. Southern California Conferences for Undergraduate Research, San Marcos, CA, USA.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Service to Profession

Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society	2024 – 2025
<i>Student Representative –planned student-focused programming for annual NEEPS conference.</i>	
<i>Program Committee – Judged submission of abstracts and determined posters, data blitzes, and talks for the 2025 conference meeting of the Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society</i>	
Feminist Evolutionary Psychology Society	2024 – Present
<i>Director of research collaborations</i>	
<i>Co-organizer of FEPS annual meeting – Atlantic City, NJ</i>	
Society for Personality and Social Psychology	2023 – 2024
<i>January 2024. Served as a Graduate Student Poster Award referee for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology’s 2024 convention in San Diego, CA.</i>	
<i>June 2023. Served as an undergraduate and single presenter poster referee for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology’s 2024 convention in San Diego, CA.</i>	
<i>December 2023. Served as a mentor for the First-Generation Student Mentorship program.</i>	
Women in the Evolutionary Behavioral Sciences – Student Representative	2022 – 2024
<i>May 2024. Organized networking event at the Human Behavior and Evolution Society’s annual conference, Aarhus, Denmark.</i>	
<i>June 2023. Organized networking event at the Human Behavior and Evolution Society’s annual conference, Palm Springs, CA.</i>	
<i>June 2022. Organized symposium titled “Underexplored Topics in Female Sociality,” at the Human Behavior and Evolution Society’s annual conference – Still Virtually Everywhere.</i>	
<i>June 2022. Organized networking event at the Human Behavior and Evolution Society’s annual conference – Still Virtually Everywhere.</i>	
Referee for <i>American Psychological Science</i> ’s Student Research Awards	2020 – 2021
Western Psychological Association – Student Campus Representative	2016 – 2018

Psi Chi International Honors Society – Social Media Representative
CSU Fullerton Chapter

2016 – 2017

Post-Hoc Journal Referee

Archives of Sexual Behavior; Current Research in Ecological and Social Psychology; Evolutionary Behavioral Sciences; Evolution and Human Behavior; Evolutionary Psychological Sciences; Evolutionary Psychology; EVoS Consortium Journal; Human Ethology; Nature Scientific Reports; Personal Relationships; Personality and Individual Differences; Proceedings B; Translational Issues in Psychological Science; Scandinavian Journal of Psychology

Departmental and University Service – University of Texas at Austin

Psychology Undergraduate Mentorship Program

SP 2024 & FA 2024

Semester-long mentorship program for undergraduates at the University of Texas at Austin interested in learning about psychological research.

Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE)

2024 – 2025

Spring 2024: Served as reviewer for program applicants.

Summer 2024: Served on Graduate Q&A Panel.

Spring 2025: Served as reviewer for program applicants.

Society for Advancing Gender Equality in STEM

2021 – 2022

Summer 2022: Mentee received summer research fellowship.

Summer 2022: Mentee received \$500 SAGES summer scholarship.

Psychology Graduate Student Diversity Committee

2021 – 2023

2021 – 2023. Provided feedback on undergraduates' doctoral program applications.

Departmental and University Service – California State University, Fullerton

Vice President for the Society for Interdisciplinary Research in Evolution

2020 – 2021

Lead organizer of EPJC: Ev. Psych Journal Club

2020 – 2021

Treasurer for the Society for Interdisciplinary Research in Evolution

2019

TECHNICAL SKILLS

R & RStudio

SPSS

Microsoft Office Suite

Adobe Photoshop

Adobe Express

Adobe Lightroom

Qualtrics

Prolific

Text Analysis

SONA Systems Learning Management Systems
(e.g., Canvas)

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Inclusive Course Design Institute (ICDI) – UT Austin <i>Workshop granting accepted attendees a \$100 honorarium and training on designing inclusive courses.</i>	2023
Supervised Teaching in Psychology – UT Austin	2023
Fundamentals for Teaching Assistant Certificate – UT Austin	2022
Science Communication Online Programme – Northwestern University	2022
Teaching and Learning Certificate for Graduate Students – CSU, Fullerton	2019

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Feminist Evolutionary Psychology Society	Center for the Study of Human Nature, Fullerton	Human Behavior and Evolution Society
Psi Chi International Honor's Society	Society for Personality and Social Psychology	Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society

Media Coverage

News outlets

3. Yokote, K. (2024, August 5). Developing a Japanese version of the scale to measure prejudice against sexual crimes: Comparative verification of differences in acceptability of prejudice between Japan and the U.S. and between generations. *PR Times*. Japan.
3. Jackson, F., (2023, March 7). The mean girls effect: Women enjoy it when their friends are nasty towards people they dislike, study finds. *The Daily Mail*.
1. Kara-Yakoubian, M. (2023, January 19). New psychology research uncovers some disturbing facts about rape proclivity. *PsyPost*.

Podcasts

2. Davola, D. (2023, September 25). ThoughtRevolution | #3: How to defend yourself from Sexual Assault – Rebecka Hahnel-Peters. [Audio and Video Podcast]. YouTube.
1. Lopes, R. (2023, August 14). The Dissenter | #821: Rebecka Hahnel-Peters: *Who accepts rape myths and why?* [Audio and Video Podcast]. YouTube.

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