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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Department of Psychology, University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin) expected 2026
Advisor: Dr. David M. Buss

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

Peer Reviewed Articles

4. **§Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, **§Goetz, A. T.**, & Goetz, C. D. (in press). Do environmental cues to discovery influence the likelihood to rape? *Evolutionary Psychology*. [IF: 1.98]
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: 3.95]
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: 4.35]
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: 1.74]

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: 12.58]

Edited Volume Contributions

1. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.** (forthcoming). Bodyguard hypothesis, rape and coercion. In T. K. Shackelford (Ed.) Springer Nature encyclopedia of sexual psychology & behavior. Springer.

Preprints

2. Krems, J. A., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Merrie, L. A., Williams, K. E. G., & Szycer, D. (2021). Sometimes we want vicious friends: People have nuanced preferences. *PsyArXiv*. DOI: 10.31234/osf.io/4fjx8
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>

Submitted Manuscripts

2. Krems, J. A., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Merrie, L. A., & Williams, K. E., Szycer, D. (under review). Sometimes we want vicious friends: An embedded dyad framework predicts target-specificity in friend preferences.
1. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Goetz, C. D., & Goetz, A. T. (under review). Men's attitudes toward third party casual sex predict rape myth acceptance.

Manuscripts in Preparation

3. Krems, J. A., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Williams, K. E. G. (revising MS). Americans are more censorious of art by artists accused of sexual assault than other crimes (including murder).
2. Durkee, P., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Buss, D. M. (revising MS). Emotionality and physical strength: Sex differences covary across 50 countries.
1. [§]**Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, [§]Goetz, A. T., & Goetz, C. D. (in prep). Individual differences in men's likelihood to rape. [Writing manuscript; date to be submitted: 12/1/2022].

Other Publications

3. **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*.
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

Honors

1. APS Student Grant Competition 2022 – Honorable Mention 2022
Extended Association of Psychological Science membership

Awards

5. James M. Young Endowment Award, UT Austin (\$750) 2022
4. Clark A. Burnham Memorial Professional Development Award, UT Austin (\$500) 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

5. Templeton Religion Trust and the Issachar Fund (\$8,500) 2022 – 2023
Continuing PI on *Sexual Morality, Evolution, and Religion* grant
4. Giles T. Brown Travel Grant, CSU Fullerton (\$500) 2020
3. H&SS Inter-Club Council Travel Grant, CSU Fullerton (\$100) 2020
2. Psi Chi International Honors Society Undergraduate Research Grant (\$1,495) 2020
Supervising PI on *Do attitudes toward others having casual sex predict rape myth acceptance?*
1. H&SS Inter-Club Council Travel Grant CSU Fullerton (\$600) 2019

Fellowships

4. Undergraduate Research Fellowship, UT Austin (\$1,000) 2022 - 2023
PI on undergraduate research fellowship for *Women's Defenses Against Men Displaying Atypical Behaviors Perpetrating Sexual Violence*
3. Undergraduate Research Fellowship, UT Austin (\$500) 2022 - 2023
PI on undergraduate research fellowship for *Individual Differences in the Frequency of Using Various Defenses Against Sexual Violence*
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

7. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Buss, D. M. *Are women's use of social allies as bodyguards perpetrator specific?* (May, 2022). Talk presented at the California Workshop of Evolutionary Social Sciences, Fullerton, CA.
6. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Goetz, A. T. *Development and validation of the Rape Excusing Attitudes and Language Scale.* (April, 2022). Data Blitz presented at the North-Eastern Evolutionary Psychology Society Conference, Pittsburgh, PA.
5. Segal, N. L., Alcantara, P., Garcia, K., Garcia, K., **Hahnel, R. K.**, Linneen, A., Massie, S., Nguyen, S., Niculae, F., Nieto, A., Polito, A., Ruff, B., & Tahmasebi, Z. (in prep). *Unusual behavioral similarities in twins reared apart: Genetic effects, random chance or both?* (January, 2022). Talk presented at the 36th Congress of Japan Society for Twin Studies.
4. Krems, J. A., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Merrie, L. A., & Williams, K. E. G. (October, 2021). *Target-specific friend preferences: When we want kind, trustworthy, but also vicious friends.* Talk presented at the Society of Experimental Social Psychology annual conference, Santa Barbara, CA.
3. Krems, J. A., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Merrie, L. A. (June, 2021). *Target-specific friend preferences: When we want kind, trustworthy, but also vicious friends.* Talk presented at the Human Behavior and Evolution Society annual conference, Virtually Everywhere.
2. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Goetz, A. T. *Reproductive strategies predicting rape myth acceptance: A test of the reproductive morality model.* (March, 2020). Talk presented at the 25th annual Psychology Day, California State University Fullerton, CA.

1. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Ngov, C., & Goetz, A. T. *She asked for it, and he didn't mean to: Reproductive strategies predict rape myth acceptance.* (November, 2019). Talk presented at the annual meeting of Southwestern Association of Biological Anthropology, Phoenix, AZ.

Posters Presented

*Indicates presentation by supervised undergraduate research assistant

13. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Buss, D. M. *Are women's use of social allies as bodyguards perpetrator specific?* (June, 2022). Poster presented at the Human Behavior and Evolution Society annual conference, Still Virtually Everywhere.
12. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, *Tsai, J., Goetz, C. D., & Goetz, A. T. *Men's attitudes toward third party casual sex predict rape myth acceptance.* (April, 2022). Poster presented at the Longhorn Research Poster Session, Austin, TX.
11. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, *Lee, S., & Goetz, A. T. *Development and validation of the Rape Excusing Attitudes and Language Scale.* (February, 2022). Poster presented at the Evolutionary Pre-Conference hosted by the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, San Francisco, CA.
10. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Goetz, C. G., & Goetz, A. T. (June, 2021). *How attitudes about casual sex influence judgments of rape victims and perpetrators: An experimental test of the reproductive morality model.* Poster presented at the Human Behavior and Evolution Society annual conference, Virtually Everywhere.
9. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, *Nguyen, S., & Goetz, A. T. *How attitudes about casual sex influence judgments of rape victims and perpetrators: A preliminary experimental test of the reproductive morality model.* (April, 2021). Poster presented at the Virtual HSS Student Research Symposium.
8. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Goetz, A. T. *How attitudes about casual sex influence judgments of rape victims and perpetrators: A preliminary experimental test of the reproductive morality model.* (February, 2021). Poster presented at the Evolutionary Psychology Pre-conference of the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology.
7. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Goetz, A. T. *Adding insult to injury: Attitudes toward casual sex is a unique predictor of rape myth acceptance for men but not women.* (August, 2020). Poster presented in the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Division of American Psychological Association Convention, Washington, DC. (Canceled due to COVID-19)

6. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.,** & Goetz, A. T. *Does exploitation of evolved landscape preferences increase perceived housing value?* (February, 2020). Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.
5. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.,** *Garcia, K., Ngov, C., & Goetz, A. T. *She asked for it, and he didn't mean to: Reproductive strategies predict rape myth acceptance.* (November, 2019). Poster presented at Southern California Conferences for Undergraduate Research, San Marcos, CA.
4. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.,** *Levine, S., Peeters, K., & Goetz, A. T. *Does exploitation of evolved landscape preferences increase perceived value of homesteads?* (November, 2019). Poster presented at Southern California Conferences for Undergraduate Research, San Marcos, CA.
3. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.,** Goetz, A., & Peeters, K. *Home is where the nature is: A content analysis of apartment buildings and neighborhoods.* (May, 2019). Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Boston, MA.
2. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.,** *Duarte, H., Goetz, A., Peeters, K. *Home is where the nature is: A content analysis.* (April, 2019). Poster presented at the California Workshop for the Evolutionary Social Sciences, Chino Hills, CA.
1. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.,** Goetz, A., & Peeters, K. *Home is where the nature is: A content analysis.* (April, 2019). Poster presented at the Natural Sciences and Math Inter Club Council Research Symposium, Fullerton, CA.

Panel Discussions

2. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.** *Graduate student research panel.* (April, 2020). Panel discussion at the Regional Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference at the University of Redlands, CA. (canceled due to COVID-19)
1. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.** *Graduate student Q&A panel.* (April, 2020). Panel discussion at the Regional Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference at the University of Redlands, CA. (canceled due to COVID-19)

Invited Lectures

1. Hahnel-Peeters, R. K. (2022, September). *Social psychology through an evolutionary lens.* School of Behavioral and Social Sciences. St. Edward's University, Austin, TX.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Buss Evolutionary Lab – University of Texas at Austin <i>Spring 2022 – Present: Lab Manager</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	2015 – 2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistantships – University of Texas at Austin Psychological Methods and Statistics Section Instructor – Lab course with 29 students	2022
Introduction to Statistics for Behavioral Sciences	2022
Introduction to Human Sexuality Head TA of course with 470 students	2022
Health Psychology	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	2016
Abnormal Psychology	2016

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Service to Profession Women in the Evolutionary Behavioral Sciences – Student Representative <i>June 2022. Organized symposium titled “Underexplored Topics in Female Sociality,” at the Human Behavior and Evolution Society Still Virtually Everywhere.</i>	2022 – 2024
Referee for <i>American Psychological Science’s</i> Student Research Awards	2020 – 2021

Western Psychological Association – Student Campus Representative	2016 – 2018
Psi Chi International Honors Society – Social Media Representative <i>CSU Fullerton Chapter</i>	2016 – 2017
Post-Hoc Journal Refree <i>Archives of Sexual Behavior; Evolutionary Behavioral Sciences; Evolution and Human Behavior; Evolutionary Psychological Sciences; Evolutionary Psychology; Proceedings B</i>	
Departmental and University Service – University of Texas at Austin	
Undergraduate Honor’s Thesis Advisement <i>Samantha Mijares – Perceived vulnerability to disease and sexual satisfaction in men and women in committed relationships</i>	2021 – 2022
Society for Advancing Gender Equality in STEM <i>Summer 2022: Mentee received summer research fellowship. Summer 2022: Mentee received \$500 SAGES summer scholarship</i>	2021 – 2022
Psychology Graduate Student Diversity Committee <i>Provided feedback to undergraduate students applying to doctoral programs</i>	2021
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	Microsoft Office Suite	Receptiviti’s LIWC
Adobe Photoshop	Adobe Express	Adobe Lightroom
Qualtrics	Prolific.co	

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Fundamentals for Teaching Assistant Seminar – UT Austin	2022
Science Communication Online Programme – Northwestern University	2022
Teaching and Learning Certificate for Graduate Students – CSU, Fullerton	2019

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for Personality and Social Psychology Association of Psychological Science

Center for the Study of Human Nature, Fullerton Human Behavior and Evolution Society

Psi Chi International Honors Society

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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