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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. <sup>§</sup>Hahnel-Peeters, R. K., <sup>§</sup>Goetz, A. T., & Goetz, C. D. (2022). Do environmental cues to discovery influence the likelihood to rape? *Evolutionary Psychology*. DOI: 10.1177/147049221141078. [IF: 1.98]
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. <sup>§</sup>Hahnel-Peeters, R. K., <sup>§</sup>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

2. Freihart, B. K., McMahon, L. N., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Meston, C. M. (in press). 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

2. Krems, J. A., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Merrie, L. A., Williams, K. E. G., & Sznycer, 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., Sznycer, 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). [Date to be submitted: 3/15/2023].
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: 1/31/2023].

#### 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

6. SPSP Convention's Evolutionary Preconference Registration Subsidy Award (\$75) 2023
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 (\$10,000) 2022 – 2023  
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

‡Indicates presentation by undergraduate honor's student

17. \*Chachkes, T., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Buss, D. M. *Does women's protective psychology detect, track, and motivate defenses against individuals displaying non-normative, unpredictable behaviors?* (February, 2023). Poster presented at the Evolutionary Preconference for the annual Society of Personality and Social Psychology convention, Atlanta, GA.
16. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Buss, D. M. *Women's use of social allies as bodyguards are perpetrator specific*. (February, 2023). Poster presented at the Evolutionary Preconference for the annual Society of Personality and Social Psychology convention, Atlanta, GA.
15. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, \*King, J., & Buss, D. M. *Examining perpetrator-specificity and individual differences in the frequency of various defenses against sexual violence*. (February, 2023). Poster presented at the Evolutionary Preconference for the annual Society of Personality and Social Psychology convention, Atlanta, GA.
14. ‡Mijares, S., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, Crosby, C. L., & Buss, D. M. (December, 2022). *Perceived vulnerability to disease and sexual satisfaction in men and women in committed romantic relationships*. Poster presented at the University of Texas at Austin's undergraduates honors symposium, Austin, TX.
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 and Talks

6. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.,** & Buss, D. M. (2023, April). *Women's Cultivation of Bodyguards.* State University New York, New Paltz, NY.
5. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.,** & Buss, D. M. (2023, February). *Evolved defenses against sexual violence.* St. Edward's University, Austin, TX.
4. **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.** & Meston, C. M. (2023, February). *Evolutionary perspective on rape.* University of Texas at Austin, Introduction to Human Sexuality.
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.

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.
1. Goetz, A., **Hahnel-Peeters, R. K.**, & Ruff, B. (2019, October). *Tabulator data and graphical representation*. California State University, Fullerton, Introduction to Research Methods.

## 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 Introduction to Human Sexuality <i>Head TA of course with 470 students</i>	SP 2022 & SP 2023
Psychological Methods and Statistics <i>Section Instructor – Lab course with 29 students</i>	2022
Introduction to Statistics for Behavioral Sciences	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 2022 – 2024  
*June 2022. Organized symposium titled “Underexplored Topics in Female Sociality,” at the Human Behavior and Evolution Society Still Virtually Everywhere.*

Referee for *American Psychological Science’s* Student Research Awards 2020 – 2021

Western Psychological Association – Student Campus Representative 2016 – 2018

Psi Chi International Honors Society – Social Media Representative 2016 – 2017  
*CSU Fullerton Chapter*

### Post-Hoc Journal Referee

*Archives of Sexual Behavior; Evolutionary Behavioral Sciences; Evolution and Human Behavior; Evolutionary Psychological Sciences; Evolutionary Psychology; Proceedings B*

### Departmental and University Service – University of Texas at Austin

Undergraduate Honor’s Thesis Advisement 2021 – 2022  
*Samantha Mijares – Perceived vulnerability to disease and sexual satisfaction in men and women in committed relationships*

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  
*Provided feedback to undergraduate students applying to doctoral programs*

### 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 Certificate – 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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