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Employment

Washington State University, Vancouver, Washington. 2012 – Present.
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science
School of Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs

Education

Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island. 2012.
Ph.D. Political Science. Sub-fields: International Relations and Political Psychology.
Dissertation: “The Risk Contract of War: Offense and Defense in the Adapted Mind.”
Committee: Rose McDermott (Chair, Brown), Leda Cosmides (University of California, Santa Barbara), Mark Blyth (Brown).

University of Denver, Korbel School of International Studies, Colorado. 2005.
M.A. Global Finance, Trade and Economic Integration.
Thesis: “The Role of Social Capital in State Development: The Case of Georgia.”
Advisor: Ilene Grabel

Pitzer College, Claremont, California. 2002.
B.A. Political Studies
Thesis: “From Sea to Shining Sea: A Comparison of American and Russian Territorial Expansion.”
Advisor: Tom Ilgen

Publications

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

McDermott, R., A.C. Lopez, and P. Hatemi. 2016. “An Evolutionary Approach to Political Leadership.” **Security Studies** 25(4): 677-698.

Lopez, A.C. 2016. “The Evolution of War: Theory and Controversy.”
International Theory 8(1): 97-139.

Lopez, A.C. 2014. “The Hawkish Dove: Evolution and the Logic of Political Behavior”
2014. **Millennium** 43(1): 66-91.

Lopez, A. C. & R. McDermott. 2012. "Adaptation, Heritability, and the Emergence of Evolutionary Political Science." **Political Psychology** 33(3): 343-362.

Lopez, A.C., R. McDermott & M.B. Petersen. 2011. "States in Mind: Evolution, Coalitional Psychology, and International Politics." **International Security**. 36(2): 48-83.

BOOK CHAPTERS

"Psychology and Constructivism: Uneasy Bedfellows?" (With Rose McDermott) In Vaughn Shannon and Paul A. Kowert, eds. *Psychology and Constructivism in International Relations: An Ideational Alliance*. Michigan University Press. 2011.

NON PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Lopez A.C. 2016. "Conditions Required for Evolution of Warfare Adaptations." *Encyclopedia of Evolutionary Psychological Science*. Springer Publishing.

Lopez, A.C. 2014. "Adaptations for Territoriality and the False Residency Problem. A Commentary on Johnson and Toft." Response article to Johnson, D.P and Monica Toft (2014) "Bringing the 'Geo' Back into Politics: Evolution, Territoriality and the Contest over Ukraine." *Cliodynamics* 5(1): 87-122.

Lopez, A.C. 2012. "Neurobiology of Aggression: Punishment and Reward." White Paper, U.S. Department of Defense.

Lopez, A.C. 2010. "Evolution, Coalitional Psychology, and War." H-Diplo/ISSF Roundtable on "Biology and Security," Vol. 1, No. 1, March 30, 2010.

MEDIA

Lopez, Anthony C. 2016. "[Errors, Interests, and Values: Why Better Advocacy May Produce Little Change](#)." Commentary on Peter J. Richerson "What are the Roles of Scientists in Policy-Making?" Social Evolution Forum February 12.

Lopez, Anthony C. 2015. "[A Christmas Truce in the Study of War](#)." Evolution: This View of Life. December 2015.

Lopez, Anthony C. 2015. "[Why Evolution Made Forgiveness Difficult](#)." Greater Good: The Science of a Meaningful Life. (Berkeley) March 24.

Lopez, Anthony C. 2013. "[D-Day: Darwin's March on Politics](#)." (With Dominic Johnson) Evolution: This View of Life. February 12.

Works in Progress

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- R. McDermott, **A.C. Lopez** and P. Hatemi. "Revenge and deterrence in international politics." Revise and Resubmit – International Security.
- A.C. Lopez** and D. Johnson. "War puzzles: The state of the art on the art of war." Revise and Resubmit – Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization.
- A.C. Lopez**. "Making *my* problem *our* problem: Warfare, collective action, and leader manipulation of public support." Under Review – Politics and the Life Sciences.
- A.C. Lopez**. "Adaptations for warfare: Offense and defense in the adapted mind." Under Review – Evolutionary Psychology.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

- "Anarchy and the Compass: The Moral Psychology of Conflict and Cooperation."
Synopsis: Manuscript surveys the role and implications of 'morality' in international relations, particularly as viewed through the lens of dominant IR paradigms such as realism and liberalism. Proposes that IR scholarship suffers from a narrow and psychologically bankrupt notion of morality that can be remedied by incorporation of new findings from the emerging field of moral psychology. (Sole-authored)
- "Valor and the 'veil of ignorance': Explaining risky behavior in war."
Synopsis: Experimental investigation of the psychological triggers of attributions of valor to combatants in warfare.
Co-authors: Michael Bang Petersen (Aarhus), Daniel Sznycer (UCSB), and David Pietraszewski (Max Plank Institute – Germany).
- "Anger, Hatred, and Political Violence."
Synopsis: Experimental investigation of the emotions of anger and hatred, and their connection to the use of political violence in individuals and groups.
Co-author: Aaron Sell (Griffith).
- "Status concerns motivate participation in coalitional violence."
Synopsis: Experimentally tests the relative importance of punishment and rewards in motivating individuals to join aggressive collective action against outgroups.
Co-authors: Luke Glowacki (Harvard), Max Krasnow (Harvard).
- "Bridging the micro-macro divide: Evaluating political psychology in international relations."
Synopsis: Theoretical examination of the problem of explaining macro phenomena in terms of micro dynamics, especially but not limited to, neuropsychology. (Sole-authored).

Conference Papers

Chair: Presidential Theme Panel on “Neurobiology of War and Peace.” International Studies Association Conference. Atlanta, GA. March, 2016.

“The Within-Group Psychology of Between-Group Conflict: Elite Manipulation.” Peace Science Society Annual Meeting. Workshop on Leaders and Military Conflict. Oxford, MI. November 12-14, 2015.

“Immaterial Causes of War: A Taste for Revenge?” National Institute for Mathematical and Biological Synthesis (NIMBioS). Workshop on Evolution and War. Knoxville, TN. September 16-18, 2015.

“Revenge and Deterrence in Evolutionary Perspective” (With Rose McDermott and Pete Hatemi). Working group on War and Evolution. Center for Evolutionary Psychology, University of California, Santa Barbara. July, 2014.

“Lex Talionis: Revenge and Deterrence in International Politics” (With Rose McDermott and Pete Hatemi). Panel on Psychology in International Relations. Paper presented at the International Studies Association Conference. Toronto, March 2014.

“Born That Way? A Neurobiological Approach to Political Leadership.” Invited presentation. European University Institute, Forum on *Global Governance and the Neglected Issue of Leadership*. Florence, Italy. December 12-14, 2013.

“Coalitional Psychology and International Politics.” Invited presentation. Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Panel on Evolution and Political Behavior. Miami Beach, Florida. July 2013.

“Bridging the Micro-Macro Divide: Evaluating Political Psychology in International Relations” Paper presented at the International Studies Association Conference. San Francisco, California. April 2013.

“The Evolution of War: Theory and Controversy.” Paper presented at the International Studies Association Conference. San Diego, California. April 2012

“The Risk Contract of War: Offense and Defense in the Adapted Mind.” Paper presented at The American Political Science Association. Seattle, Washington. September 2011. (With Leda Cosmides, Rose McDermott, and John Tooby).

“Hypotheses on Evolution: Coalitional Psychology and Political Behavior.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association. Panel: Evolutionary Approaches to International Security. Washington, D.C. September 2010. (With Rose McDermott and Michael Bang Petersen).

“The Emergence of Evolutionary Political Science.” Paper presented at the International Society for Political Psychology. San Francisco, California. July 2010. (With Rose McDermott).

“Offense and Defense in the Adapted Mind.” Paper presented at the Princeton Conference on Psychology and Policymaking. Princeton University, New Jersey. February 2010. (With Rose McDermott).

“Coalitional Psychology and International Relations.” Paper Presented at the International Studies Association – Western Conference. San Francisco, California. July 2008.

“The Evolutionary Psychology of War: Cognitive Adaptations for Offensive and Defensive Coalitional Aggression.” Paper presented at the International Society for Political Psychology. Portland, Oregon. July 2007.

Professional Activities

Active Memberships: American Political Science Association; International Studies Association; International Society for Political Psychology; Human Behavior and Evolution Society.

Reviewer: American Political Science Review, International Studies Quarterly, Political Behavior, Foreign Policy Analysis, Political Psychology, International Theory, European Journal of International Relations, Evolution and Human Behavior.

Associate Editor, Politics Section, *Evolution: This View of Life*. Web magazine designed to promote public awareness of evolutionary theory and its relevance for understanding political behavior and public policy.

Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research. Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan. 2010.

International Workshop on Methodology of Twin and Family Studies. Institute for Behavioral Genetics. University of Colorado, Boulder. 2010.

Summer Workshop on Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS). Saltzman Institute for War and Peace Studies, Columbia University, 2008.

Summer Institute for Political Psychology (SIPP). Stanford University. 2007.

Courses Taught

Washington State University, Vancouver

POLS 103: Introduction to International Politics

POLS 314: Nation States and Global Challenges

POLS 400: Psychology of War

POLS 424: U.S. National Security

POLS 427: American Foreign Policy

POLS 428: Political Psychology

POLS 429: Special Topics in American Foreign & Defense Policy

POLS 532: Seminar in International Political Economy

University Service

MPA Admissions Committee – Vancouver

MPA Assessment & Accreditation – Vancouver

MPA Scholarship Committee – Vancouver

Faculty Advisor, Model UN Club – Vancouver

Sociology Search Committee – Vancouver 2013

Global Politics Search Committee – Pullman 2014