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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

Research Areas

Research Statement:
My research examines the evolution and psychology of war and its constituent elements. I have particular interest in dynamics related to the outbreak of war and the relationship between inter-group violence and within-group cooperation.

Primary Research Areas:
Offense-defense distinctions in war; revenge, deterrence, and the uses of force; leader-follower dynamics; the role of emotions in violence (e.g. anger vs. hatred); moral psychology; radicalism and recruitment in violent political organizations.

Publications

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS

A.C. Lopez. 2018. "Adaptations for warfare: Offense and defense in the adapted mind." ***Evolutionary Psychology***. Forthcoming

Lopez, A.C. and D. Johnson. 2017. "War Puzzles: Explaining Conflict in International Relations." ***Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization***. In Press.

McDermott, R., A.C. Lopez and P. Hatemi. 2017. "'Blunt Not the Heart, Enrage It': The Psychology of Revenge and Deterrence." ***Texas National Security Review*** 1(1).

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." ***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.

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

NON-PEER-REVIEWED ACADEMIC 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 Dominic Johnson 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.

SELECTED MEDIA & EDITORIALS

- "Does Conflict Drive Cooperation?" Evolution: This View of Life. August 2017.
- "Ends of War: Human Evolution and the Origins of Inter-Group Violence." (With Dominic Johnson) Evolution: This View of Life. March 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 Feb 2016.
- "Why Evolution Made Forgiveness Difficult." Greater Good: The Science of a Meaningful Life. (Berkeley) March 2015.
- "D-Day: Darwin's March on Politics." (With Dominic Johnson) Evolution: This View of Life. February 2013.
- "Pinker, Politics, and the Decline of Violence: Roundtable on 'The Better Angels of our Nature.'" Evolution: This View of Life. May 2012.

Works in Progress

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

A.C. Lopez. "Making *my* problem *our* problem: Warfare, collective action, and leader manipulation of public support." Revise and Resubmit – *Politics and the Life Sciences*.

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 regulate 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).

Academic Presentations

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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. *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." *Working group on Evolution, Behavior and War*. Harvard University. March 8, 2014.

"Revenge and Deterrence in Evolutionary Perspective." Center for Evolutionary Psychology, UCSB. July, 2014.

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

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

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Lex Talionis: Revenge and Deterrence in International Politics." Panel on Psychology in International Relations. Paper presented at the International Studies Association Conference. Toronto, March 2014.

"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.

"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.

"The Emergence of Evolutionary Political Science." Paper presented at the International Society for Political Psychology. San Francisco, California. July 2010.

"Offense and Defense in the Adapted Mind." Paper presented at the Princeton Conference on Psychology and Policymaking. Princeton University, New Jersey. February 2010.

"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