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**Current Affiliation:**

Ph.D Student in Anthropology, 2012-2017

 Binghamton University, NY

 Advisor: Joshua Reno

**Education:**

M. A. Anthropology, 2014

 Binghamton University, NY

 Advisor: Chris Reiber

B.A. Psychology, 2012

 State University of New York at New Paltz, NY

 Advisor: Glenn Geher

B.A. Theatre Arts, 2012

 Concentration: Technical Design

 State University of New York at New Paltz, NY
 Advisor: Andrea Varga

**Research Interests:**

* Sexual Coercion
* Life History Strategy Theory
* Mating Strategies

 **Publications:**

*Journal Articles*

Johnsen, L. L., Guitar, A. E., Geher, G. (2015). Divorce Patterns and the Male-to-Female Mortality Ratio:

Is Midlife Crisis the Death of Men? EvoS Journal: The Journal of the Evolutionary Studies Consortium, 6(2): 33-41.

Carmen, Rachel. A., Glenn Geher., Daniel J. Glass., Amanda E. Guitar., Terry E. Grandis., Laura L. Johnsen, Melvin M. Philip, Rebecca L. Newmark, Grant T. Trouton, and Brianna R. Trauber (2013) Evolution Integrated Across All Islands of the Human Behavioral Archipelago: All Psychology as Evolutionary Psychology. EvoS Journal: The Journal of the Evolutionary Studies Consortium 5(1): 108-126.

Garcia Justin, R. , Glenn Geher, Ben Crosier, Gad Saad, Daniel Gambacorta, Laura Johnsen and Elisa Pranckitas (2011) The Interdisciplinary Context of Evolutionary Approaches to Human Behavior: a Key to Survival in the Ivory Archipelago. Futures 43: 749-761.

*Book Reviews*

Johnsen, L. (2014). The ‘animal’ within: A review of the Rational Animal. [Review of the book: The rational rnimal: How

evolution made us smarter than we think, by D. Kenrick and V. Griskevicius.]  *Human Ethology Bulletin,* (4) 31-33.

  *Book Chapters*

Johnsen, L. (In Press)Fashion as a Medium of Intrasexual Competition. In *Oxford Handbook of Women and Competition*. Oxford University Press: New York.

Newmark, R., and Johnsen, L. (In Press) Intrasexual Competition Among Beauty Pageant Contestants*.* In *Oxford Handbook of Women and Competition.* Oxford University Press: New York.

 *In Preparation*

Johnsen, L., Kruger, D.J., Geher, G., Newmark, R.L., & Garcia, J. Childhood Injuries as a Function of

Sex, Life History, and Neighborhood Safety: An Ecological Perspective.

**Oral Presentations:**

Johnsen, L., Fisher, M. L., Newmark, R. L., Geher, G. (2014). *Wicked and Wild: Men and Women’s Perception of Personality Traits in Harlequin Blaze Romance Novels.* Presented at the North Eastern Evolutionary Psychology Conference at SUNY New Paltz.

Johnsen, L., Varga, A., Geher, G. (2012): *Evolved to Cabaret: Exploring Human Behavioral Evolution through Costume Design* at the North Eastern Evolutionary Psychology Conference atPlymouth State University

http://mediasite.suny.edu/mediasite/SilverlightPlayer/Default.aspx?peid=76f7822cb1204f16aea7fc5c6839c5221d

Johnsen, L., Kruger, D. Geher, G. (2011) *Childhood Injuries as a Result of Intra-sexual Competition*. Presented at the North Eastern Evolutionary Psychology Conference at SUNY Binghamton

Geher, G., Johnsen, L., Kurtz, A., Williams, S. (2011) *Mating Psychology based Health Education*. Presented at Darwin Day at SUNY New Paltz

Johnsen, Laura (2010) *The Impact of Marriage and Divorce on the Male to Female Mortality Ratio*. Presented at the North Eastern Evolutionary Psychology Conference at SUNY New Paltz and International Society of Human Ethology Conference at the University of Wisconsin

**Poster Presentations:**

Johnsen, L. (2014) Lady in Red: The Role of Women’s Clothing in Intrasexual Competition. Presented at the North Eastern Evolutionary Psychology Conference at SUNY New Paltz.

Johnsen, L., Fisher, M. L., Newmark, R. L., Geher, G. (2013). *Back Off My [Wo]Man: An Analysis of Personality Traits in Harlequin Romance Novels.* Presented at the International Society of Human Ethology at the University of Michigan.

Johnsen, L., Varga, A., Geher, G. (2012): *Evolved to Cabaret: Exploring Human Behavioral Evolution through Costume Design.* Presented at Human Evolution and Behavior Society conference at University of New Mexico.

Johnsen, L., Fisher, M., Geher, G. (2012): *Light my fire: Mating Strategies and Preferences in Blaze Romance Novels.* Presented at North Eastern Evolutionary Psychology Conference at Plymouth State University

Newmark, R.L., Geher, G., Philip, M.M., & Johnsen, L. (2012). Perceptions of Romantic Partners. EvoS Summit, New Paltz, NY.

Newmark, R.L., Geher, G., Philip, M.M., & Johnsen, L. (2012). Perceptions of Romantic Partners. Conference of the NorthEastern Evolutionary Psychology Society, Plymouth, NH.

Johnsen, L., Kruger, D. Geher, G. (2011) *Childhood Neighborhood Safety as a Predictor of Childhood Injury, Life History Strategy, and Sexuality*. Presented at the Human Evolution and Behavior Society conference in Montpellier, France

Johnsen L., Fisher, M. Williams, M., Geher, G (2011) *Women’s Sexuality and Mate Preferences as Revealed by “Blaze” Romances*. Presented at the North Eastern Evolutionary Psychology Conference at Binghamton University

Johnsen, L., Kruger, D. Geher, G. (2010) *Childhood Injuries as a Result of Intra-sexual Competition*. Presented at the North Eastern Evolutionary Psychology Conference at SUNY New Paltz and at the International Society of Human Ethology Conference at the University of Wisconsin

**Grants:**

2010: “Developing a Health Education Curriculum Based on Research from Mating Psychology” EvoS Undergraduate Research Grant funded by the National Science Foundation award #: 0817337

Director: Jennifer Waldo, Ph. D, SUNY New Paltz

 Faculty Advisor: Glenn Geher, Ph. D, SUNY New Paltz

2011: “The Stage Designs of Zack Brown” Student Undergraduate Research Grant

Director: Maureen Morrow Ph. D, SUNY New Paltz

 Faculty Advisor: Andrea Varga, SUNY New Paltz

**Research Experience:**

2007-2012: Research Assistant, Faculty Advisor: Glenn Geher

**Teaching Experience**

2012: T.A. for Introduction to Anthropology (ANT-111) at Binghamton University, NY

2013: T.A. for Introduction to Biological Anthropology (ANT-168) at Binghamton University, NY

 T.A. for Language Culture and Communication (ANT-114) at Binghamton University, NY

2014: T. A. for Introduction to Biological Anthropology (ANT-168) at Binghamton University, NY

 G.A. for Biomedical Anthropology Program at Binghamton University, NY

2015: G.A. for Biomedical Anthropology Program at Binghamton University, NY

 IOR: Sex & Evolution (ANT-246) at Binghamton University, NY

* Summer 2015: Medical Anthropology (Online Course, ANT-240) at Binghamton University, NY

**Honors**

* Dean’s List 2008-2012 at SUNY New Paltz
* Graduated Summa Cum Laude from SUNY New Paltz
* Research Excellence Award from Theater Arts Department at SUNY New Paltz
* Research Excellence Award from Honors Program at SUNY New Paltz

**Professional Affiliations**

* North Eastern Evolutionary Psychology Society (NEEPS): Position: Student Representative (2013-2016)
* Feminist Evolutionary Perspectives Society
* Psi Chi, National Honor Society in Psychology

**Extra Curricular Activities**

2013-2014: AGO Steering Committee

2014-2015: AGO Undergraduate Liaison

2015: AGO GESU Representative